

Proclamation

WHEREAS, every day in New Jersey, more than 30,000 men and women work as Direct Support Professionals, providing exemplary and critical support and services to hundreds of thousands of children and adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

WHEREAS, Direct Support Professionals have dedicated their professional lives in supporting, serving and empowering individuals with developmental disabilities enabling them to live fulfilling lives in the community; and

WHEREAS, Direct Support Professionals provide a broad range of support, including help with personal care, participating in school, work, home, religious and recreational activities, leaving important life skills and general day-to-day activities to foster full citizenship; and


WHEREAS, Direct Support Professionals develop strong, trusting relationships with individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities that are personally enriching for both the individuals and professionals; and

WHEREAS, The Arc Middlesex County values the hard work of its Direct Support Professionals and recognizes the support of the Administration and Governing Body of the Borough of Dunellen for these invaluable workers who support individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities; and

WHEREAS, the week of September 7th - 13th, 2025, has been designated Direct Support Professionals Recognition Week, to honor and recognize the significant contributions that Direct Support Professionals make to our communities; and

WHEREAS, every day, The Arc Middlesex County's Direct Support Professionals make a tremendous difference in the lives of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities, strengthening our communities and supporting our most vulnerable citizens, for which they deserve our respect and deepest admiration;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that I, Mayor Jason F. Cilento, and the Borough Council of Dunellen, New Jersey, hereby proclaim September 7th through the 13th, 2025, as Direct Support Professional Recognition Week.



Jason F. Cilento, Mayor
Borough of Dunellen
September 15, 2025