

*Office of the Mayor*  
**Arkansas City, Kansas**  
*Proclamation*

**WHEREAS**, the second full week of **September** has been designated as “National Direct Support Professionals Recognition Week” in order to annually celebrate and recognize professionals who provide support to millions of individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities; and

**WHEREAS**, this celebration recognizes the dedication and vital role of Direct Support Professionals in enhancing the lives and protecting the well-being of individuals with disabilities of all ages; and

**WHEREAS**, the community plays a role in lifting up Direct Support Professionals as integral in supporting the needs of people with disabilities and their families through service systems across the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, the goals of this City, and its Equal Opportunity and Accessibility Advisory Board, properly give recognition to those who directly help people with disabilities to gain full access to housing, employment, and recreation activities that help to create productive and satisfying lives, and also to live as independently as possible.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the Mayor of the City of Arkansas City, Kansas, does hereby proclaim **September 10-16, 2023**, as

**DIRECT SUPPORT PROFESSIONALS RECOGNITION WEEK**

in the City of Arkansas City, and call upon the citizens of Arkansas City to observe this week with appropriate programs and activities. Furthermore, encourages citizens of Arkansas City to seek information from those organizations with expertise in matters concerning professionals who support individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

*In witness thereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused this seal to be affixed.*

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*Name/Title: Diana L. Spielman, Mayor*

*Date: September 5, 2023*