THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION No. 188 Session of 2023

INTRODUCED BY KINSEY, KRUEGER, MAYES, STRUZZI, SANCHEZ AND CERRATO, AUGUST 29, 2023

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES, AUGUST 29, 2023

A RESOLUTION

Designating the week of September 10 through 16, 2023, as 1 "Direct Support Professionals Week" in Pennsylvania. 2 3 WHEREAS, Direct support professionals and support 4 coordinators are people who have helped individuals with intellectual disabilities to have real choices, to work, live 5 6 and socialize in their community, to realize their dreams, to 7 transform their lives and to be included in everyday life of the 8 community; and 9 WHEREAS, They are staff who work directly with consumers in 10 residential, day and employment services and support programs; 11 and 12 WHEREAS, The staff support thousands of individuals across 13 this Commonwealth and inspire us with their ability to work with 14 people with intellectual disabilities and assist them with 15 securing meaningful jobs, finding appropriate housing 16 arrangements, learning to navigate public transportation systems 17 and help them to develop and engage in social activities throughout their communities; and 18

WHEREAS, Direct support professionals and support coordinators are deserving of special recognition; therefore be it RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate the week of September 10 through 16, 2023, as "Direct Support Professionals Week" in Pennsylvania.