

Date of Hearing: August 6, 2026

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES
Blanca Pacheco, Chair
ACR 232 (Harabedian) – As Introduced August 3, 2026

SUBJECT: Direct Support Professional Recognition Week.

SUMMARY: Declares the week of September 13 to September 19, 2026, inclusive, to be Direct Support Professional Recognition Week; and, honors direct support professionals for building a more inclusive and accessible California. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) The Lanterman Developmental Disabilities Services Act (Lanterman Act) promises Californians with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD) the services and supports they need to pursue the lives of their own choosing.
- 2) California is the only state that has established this entitlement for residents with IDD. The regional center system will serve more than 500,000 Californians with IDD and their families in the coming year.
- 3) Direct support professionals provide life-changing services and supports to Californians with IDD and their families, becoming integral in their day-to-day lives. Direct support professionals provide essential support that empowers Californians with IDD to live safely in their homes, thrive in their communities, and contribute to local economies.
- 4) Through their important work, direct support professionals promote independence and create opportunities that make inclusion a reality.
- 5) September 13 to September 19, 2026, is recognized nationwide as Direct Support Professional Recognition Week.

FISCAL EFFECT: This resolution is keyed non-fiscal by Legislative Counsel.

REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:

Support

None on file

Opposition

None on file

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