

ASSEMBLY THIRD READING

ACR 232 (Harabedian)

As Introduced August 3, 2026

Majority vote

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.

Major Provisions

- 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.

COMMENTS**According to the Author**

Direct Support Professionals are the backbone of California's disability services. Direct Support Professionals are trained to provide direct, compassionate care for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Through their dedication, they empower individuals with disabilities to live independently. ACR 232 recognizes the invaluable impact Direct Support Professionals have in serving Californians with disabilities.

Arguments in Support

None on file

Arguments in Opposition

None on file

FISCAL COMMENTS

No fiscal impact. This resolution is keyed non-fiscal by Legislative Counsel.

VOTES**ASM RULES: 8-0-2**

YES: Pacheco, Lackey, Dixon, Garcia, Mark González, Irwin, Michelle Rodriguez, Zbur

ABS, ABST OR NV: Sanchez, Arambula

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