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## **PROCLAMATION WORLD DOWN SYNDROME DAY**

**WHEREAS**, approximately one in every 700 children are born with Down syndrome, representing approximately 6,000 births per year in the United States, and

**WHEREAS**, Down syndrome is a naturally occurring chromosomal arrangement that has always been a part of the human condition, exists in all regions across the globe and commonly results in variable effects on learning styles, physical characteristics or health, and

**WHEREAS**, people with Down syndrome possess a wide range of abilities, and are active participants in educational, occupational, social, and recreational circles of the community, and

**WHEREAS**, March 21, 2023 marks the 17<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of World Down Syndrome Day. The date was selected to signify the uniqueness of Down Syndrome in the triplication (trisomy) of the 21<sup>st</sup> chromosome and is used synonymously with Down syndrome; and

**WHEREAS**, Waukesha is honored to take part in the annual observance of Down Syndrome Day and advocate for the rights, inclusion, and overall well-being of people with Down Syndrome across the world.

**NOW THEREFORE**, I, Shawn Reilly, Mayor of Waukesha do hereby proclaim March 21, 2023, as

### **World Down Syndrome Day**

in the City of Waukesha to raise public awareness of Down syndrome as well as to increase knowledge of the programs that have been and are being developed to support individuals with Down syndrome and their families.

Signed this 21<sup>st</sup> day of March, 2023

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Shawn N. Reilly, Mayor  
City of Waukesha