WHEREAS, One in every 700 babies is born with Down syndrome, representing approximately 6,000 births per year in the United States; and

WHEREAS, The National Down Syndrome Society, the leading human rights organization for all individuals with Down syndrome, envisions a world in which all people with Down syndrome have the opportunity to enhance their quality of life, realize their life aspirations and become valued members of welcoming communities; and

WHEREAS, Recent advancements in Down syndrome research have proven that early intervention, education, social support, therapeutic care, and positive public attitudes improve each individual’s chances of living an independent, productive and satisfying life; and

WHEREAS, Individuals with Down syndrome should have equal opportunity to achieve the universally desired goals of self-fulfillment, pride in their achievements, inclusion in their community and reach their fullest potential;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, _____, do hereby proclaim March 21, 2021, as

WORLD DOWN SYNDROME DAY