State Of Florida

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Down syndrome, the triplication of the 21st chromosome, affects all persons regardless of race, religion, socio-economic status or geography; and

WHEREAS, one in every 733 children are born with Down syndrome, representing approximately 5,600 births per year and approximately 400,000 individuals in the United States; and

WHEREAS, recent research has shown that early intervention, education, inclusion in the community, and social support improves an individual's likelihood of living an independent, productive and satisfying life; and

WHEREAS, one of the goals for World Down Syndrome Day is to inform the general public about Down syndrome, stress the importance of early intervention and to celebrate the unique talents and qualities of people with Down syndrome; 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 reaching their fullest potential; and

WHEREAS, the aim for World Down Syndrome Day is to create a single global voice advocating for the rights, inclusion and well being of people with Down syndrome.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Governor and Cabinet of the State of Florida do hereby declare March 21st as

WORLD DOWN SYNDROME DAY

and encourage Floridians to work together to promote respect and inclusion of individuals with Down syndrome as well as celebrate their accomplishments and contributions to society.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, the Governor and Cabinet of the State of Florida have hereunto subscribed their names and have caused the Official Seal of the State of Florida to be hereunto affixed in the City of Tallahassee on this 21st day of March, 2011.

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