

**CITY OF EL PASO, TEXAS
AGENDA ITEM
AGENDA SUMMARY FORM**

DEPARTMENT: Mayor and Council

AGENDA DATE: Tuesday, March 14, 2023

CONTACT PERSON NAME AND PHONE NUMBER: City Representative Henry Rivera, District 7

DISTRICT(S) AFFECTED: All Districts

STRATEGIC GOAL: Goal 3 – Promote the Visual Image of El Paso

SUBJECT:

APPROVE a resolution / ordinance / lease to do what? OR AUTHORIZE the City Manager to do what? Be descriptive of what we want Council to approve. Include \$ amount if applicable.

Discussion and action to approve a resolution recognizing March 23, 2023 as World Down Syndrome Day.

BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION:

Discussion of the what, why, where, when, and how to enable Council to have reasonably complete description of the contemplated action. This should include attachment of bid tabulation, or ordinance or resolution if appropriate. What are the benefits to the City of this action? What are the citizen concerns?

That the City Council of El Paso, Texas hereby recognizes March 21, 2023, as World Down Syndrome Day in the City of El Paso and honors the accomplishments and contributions made by men and women with Down syndrome.

PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION:

Has the Council previously considered this item or a closely related one? **Yes**

AMOUNT AND SOURCE OF FUNDING:

How will this item be funded? Has the item been budgeted? If so, identify funding source by account numbers and description of account. Does it require a budget transfer?

*****REQUIRED AUTHORIZATION*****

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, World Down Syndrome Day is being observed in the City of El Paso on March 21, 2023, to promote awareness of the many ways that we benefit by ensuring that persons with Down syndrome are supported, encouraged, and included in our communities; and

WHEREAS, Down syndrome, the most commonly occurring chromosomal condition, occurs in individuals who have a full or partial extra copy of chromosome 21; one of every 700 babies born in the United States each year is born with Down syndrome; and

WHEREAS, Medical advances have significantly increased the life expectancy of people with Down syndrome, which is now approaching that of peers without the condition; in addition to the advantages of modern medicine, support groups and other resources are now available in nearly every community in the United States; and

WHEREAS, when provided with quality education programs, a stimulating home environment, good health care, and support from family and friends, people with Down syndrome can lead fulfilling and productive lives; much progress has been made through the vision and hard work of parents, researchers, medical professionals, and other advocates, who have helped secure the rights of people with Down syndrome to live at home, attend schools, access appropriate health care, get married, find work, and contribute to society; while research and early intervention have dramatically improved the life span and quality of life of persons with the condition, more work remains to be done to fully comprehend the causes and to explore potential treatments; and

WHEREAS, in 2011, the United Nations General Assembly declared March 21 as World Down Syndrome Day; this year, the City of El Paso, Texas is joining with other cities and countries around the globe in recognition of this special event, and all El Pasoans are encouraged to take part by helping to build a culture of greater respect and inclusion for those living with Down syndrome.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EL PASO:

That the City Council of El Paso, Texas hereby recognizes March 21, 2023, as World Down Syndrome Day in the City of El Paso and honors the accomplishments and contributions made by men and women with Down syndrome.

(Signatures on the following page)

APPROVED this _____ day of _____ 2023.


THE CITY OF EL PASO:

Oscar Leeser
Mayor

ATTEST:

Laura D. Prine
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Karla M. Nieman
City Attorney