

**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 14th day of MARCH 2023.



**ATTEST:**

Laura D. Prine

Laura D. Prine  
City Clerk

**THE CITY OF EL PASO:**

Oscar Leeser

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Mayor

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

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