

1 State of Arkansas  
2 92nd General Assembly  
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5 By: Senator B. Davis  
6 By: Representative Evans

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8 **SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

9 TO CELEBRATE AND RECOGNIZE WORLD DOWN SYNDROME DAY IN  
10 THE STATE OF ARKANSAS.

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13 **Subtitle**

14 TO CELEBRATE AND RECOGNIZE WORLD DOWN  
15 SYNDROME DAY IN THE STATE OF ARKANSAS.

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

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23 WHEREAS, adequate access to health care, early intervention programs,  
24 and inclusive education are vital to the growth and development of  
25 individuals with Down Syndrome; and

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27 WHEREAS, it is imperative that we remember the inherent dignity, worth,  
28 and valuable contributions of persons with intellectual disabilities and the  
29 importance of each person's individual autonomy and independence; and

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31 WHEREAS, World Down Syndrome Day encourages people from all over the  
32 world to choose their own activities and events to help raise awareness of  
33 what Down Syndrome is, what it means to have Down Syndrome, and how people  
34 with Down Syndrome play a vital role in our communities; and

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36 WHEREAS, the date for World Down Syndrome Day is the twenty-first day



1 of the third month, selected to signify the uniqueness of the triplication of  
2 the 21st chromosome, which causes Down Syndrome; and

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4 WHEREAS, Down Syndrome is a genetic disorder affecting 1 in over 700  
5 babies, or approximately 6,000 births per year in the United States; and

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7 WHEREAS, this year marks the 14th anniversary of World Down Syndrome  
8 Day, which supports individuals with Down Syndrome and those who advocate for  
9 them,

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11 NOW THEREFORE,

12 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE  
13 STATE OF ARKANSAS, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN:

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15 THAT the Senate celebrates and recognizes March 21, 2019, as "World  
16 Down Syndrome Day" in the state of Arkansas.

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