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7 **SENATE RESOLUTION**

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

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12 **Subtitle**

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14 SYNDROME DAY IN THE STATE OF ARKANSAS.

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

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

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

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30 WHEREAS, the date for World Down Syndrome Day is the twenty-first day
31 of the third month, selected to signify the uniqueness of the triplication of
32 the twenty-first chromosome, which causes Down Syndrome; and

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34 WHEREAS, Down Syndrome is a genetic disorder affecting one (1) in over
35 eight hundred (800) babies, or approximately six thousand (6,000) births per
36 year in the United States; and



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WHEREAS, this year marks the eighteenth anniversary of World Down Syndrome Day, which supports individuals with Down Syndrome and those who advocate for them,

NOW THEREFORE,
BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

THAT the Senate celebrate and recognize March 21, 2023, as "World Down Syndrome Day" in Arkansas.