

PROCLAMATION

World Down Syndrome Day

March 21, 2023

WHEREAS World Down Syndrome Day is an international observance resolved by the General Assembly of the United Nations to raise public awareness of Down syndrome and promote equitable treatment of individuals with Down syndrome in accordance with the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disability;

AND WHEREAS at this time we take an opportunity to celebrate the diverse abilities, strengths and needs of our community members with Down syndrome;

AND WHEREAS individuals with Down syndrome have tremendous potential to live full and fulfilling lives as contributing members of our community;

AND WHEREAS as Canadians, we celebrate our similarities, as well as our differences, knowing we are richer, as a result;

AND WHEREAS the District of North Saanich values our citizens with Down syndrome and their families and supports the wellbeing of all individuals with Down syndrome so that they may achieve their fullest potential.

NOW KNOW YE THAT, We do by these presents proclaim that March 21st, 2023 shall be known as World Down Syndrome Day.

Dated this 13 day of March, 2023.

Jack McClintock Acting Mayor

Rachel J. Dumas, Corporate Officer