

Proclamation

World Down Syndrome Day March 21, 2024

WHEREAS, World Down Syndrome Day (WDSY) is a global awareness day which has been officially observed by the United Nations since 2012; and

WHEREAS, The date for World Down Syndrome Day is the 21st day of the third month, (March 21) which was selected to signify the uniqueness of the triplication (trisomy) of the 21st chromosome which causes Down Syndrome. On the 21 of March, we create a single global voice advocating for the rights, promote inclusivity, encourage advocacy, and support the wellbeing of those living with Down Syndrome; and

WHEREAS, The estimated incidence of Down Syndrome is between 1 in 1,000 to 1 in 1,100 live births worldwide. Each year, approximately 3,000 to 5,000 children are born with this chromosomal disorder; and

WHEREAS, Down Syndrome occurs when an individual has an extra partial (or whole) copy of chromosome 21. It is not yet known why this syndrome occurs, but Down Syndrome has always been a part of the human condition. It exists in all regions across the globe and commonly results in variable effects on learning styles, physical characteristics, and health; and

WHEREAS, The quality of life of people with Down Syndrome can be improved by meeting their health care needs, including regular check-ups with health professionals to monitor the mental and physical condition and to provide timely intervention whether that be physiotherapy, occupational therapy, speech therapy, counseling, or special education; and

WHEREAS, Individuals with Down Syndrome can achieve optimal quality of life through parental care and support, medical guidance, and community-based support systems such as inclusive education at all levels. This facilitates their participation in mainstream society and the fulfillment of their personal potential; and

WHEREAS, On March 21, many people advocate by wearing mismatched socks to symbolize the pair of mismatched chromosomes, they incorporate the awareness colors of blue and yellow into their day, or they initiate, organize, or attend events that spread awareness.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, ON BEHALF OF THE CITY COUNCIL, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM MARCH 21 AS “WORLD DOWN SYNDROME DAY” THROUGHOUT BEAUMONT.

PROCLAIMED THIS 20TH DAY OF FEBRUARY 2024.

ATTEST:

Mayor

City Clerk