



City of Pittsburg

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Proclamation

WORLD DOWN SYNDROME DAY MARCH 21, 2024

WHEREAS, World Down Syndrome Day also known as WDSO is a global awareness day which has been officially observed since 2012; and

WHEREAS, the date for WDSO being the 21st day of the 3rd month of the year, was selected to signify the uniqueness of the triplication of the 21st chromosome which causes down syndrome; and

WHEREAS, the 2024 theme for WDSO is "End the Stereotypes". For people with down syndrome and intellectual disabilities, stereotypes can stop equal treatment where they may be underestimated, excluded and at times abused; and

WHEREAS, a stereotype is a set idea that people have about what someone or something is like. Stereotypes can be positive, negative or neutral, but they are often inaccurate or simply wrong. Once formed, stereotype can be difficult to change; and

WHEREAS, people are all different. Each person with down syndrome is different. Each person with an intellectual disability is different. All people have individual identities, interests, likes and dislikes, gifts and talents. People with down syndrome and intellectual disabilities are like all people and deserve to be treated equally and with respect.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Juan Antonio Banales, on behalf of the City Council of the City of Pittsburg, do hereby proclaim March 21, 2024 as World Down Syndrome Day in the City of Pittsburg.



Juan Antonio Banales, Mayor

ATTEST:

Alice E. Evenson, City Clerk

ATTEST: March 18, 2024