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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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

Subtitle

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

WHEREAS, this year marks the 14th 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-SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN:

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