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## HOUSE RESOLUTION

TO CELEBRATE AND RECOGNIZE MARCH 21, 2025, AS 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 all remember the inherent dignity, worth, and valuable contributions of persons with intellectual disabilities and the importance of each person's autonomy and independence; 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 twenty-first chromosome that causes Down Syndrome; and

WHEREAS, Down Syndrome is a genetic disorder affecting one (1) in over seven hundred (700) babies or approximately six thousand (6,000) births per



year in the United States; and

WHEREAS, the Down Syndrome Connection of Northwest Arkansas's 2024 Impact Report shows that the organization served two hundred eighty-eight (288) families impacted by Down Syndrome, delivered seventeen (17) new parent baskets, donated nine hundred seventy (970) hours of service via one hundred ninety-one (191) volunteers, and raised one hundred eighteen thousand two hundred eighty-five dollars (\$118,285) for the local community; and

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

NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

THAT the House of Representatives celebrate and recognize March 21, 2025, as World Down Syndrome Day in the State of Arkansas.

*/s/McAlindon*