



## STATE of MINNESOTA

# Proclamation

**WHEREAS:** One in every 700 babies is born with Down syndrome, representing approximately 6,000 births per year in the United States; and

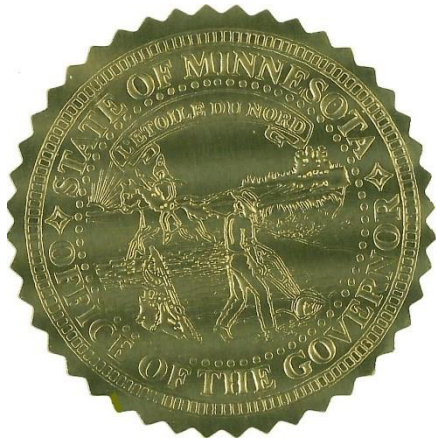
**WHEREAS:** Advancements in Down syndrome research have proven that early intervention, education, social support, therapeutic care, and positive public attitudes improve each individual's chances of living an independent, productive, and satisfying life; and

**WHEREAS:** Individuals with Down syndrome should have equal opportunity to achieve the universally desired goals of self-fulfillment, pride in their achievements, inclusion in their community, and support to reach their fullest potential.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, TIM WALZ, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Thursday, March 21, 2024, as:

## DOWN SYNDROME DAY

in the State of Minnesota.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol this 20<sup>th</sup> day of March.

  
GOVERNOR

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