

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 60

Reps. Schmaltz, Alexander, BeGole, Bezotte, Glanville, Haadsma, Liberati, Lightner, Martin, Morse, Rheingans and Rogers offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution to declare March 21, 2023, as World Down Syndrome
2 Day in the state of Michigan.

3 Whereas, One in every 700 children is born with Down syndrome,
4 representing approximately 6,000 births per year in the United
5 States; and

6 Whereas, The National Down Syndrome Society, the leading human
7 rights organization for all individuals with Down syndrome,
8 envisions a world in which all people with Down syndrome have the
9 opportunity to enhance their quality of life, realize their life
10 aspirations, and become valued members of welcoming communities;
11 and

1 Whereas The Down Syndrome Association of West Michigan,
2 Capital Area Down Syndrome Association, Down Syndrome Guild of
3 South East Michigan, Down Syndrome Head Start Program, Washtenaw
4 County Unique Care Connect, Down Syndrome Association of North West
5 Michigan, and Gigi's Playhouse of Detroit are some of the biggest
6 advocates in the Michigan Down Syndrome Community; their mission is
7 to guide Michigan's Down Syndrome Community by connecting them to
8 the partners, programs, education, and resources they need to
9 thrive; and

10 Whereas, Advancements in Down Syndrome research and inclusive
11 community practices have demonstrated that early intervention,
12 education, social supports, therapeutic care, and positive public
13 attitudes improve each individual's chances for living a
14 meaningful, productive, and satisfying life in the way they choose;
15 and

16 Whereas, Individuals with Down syndrome are complete
17 individuals who share fully the human right to strive for and
18 achieve self-fulfillment and reap the rewards of free association
19 with and membership of their communities; now, therefore, be it

20 Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of
21 this legislative body declare March 21, 2023, as World Down
22 Syndrome Day in the state of Michigan; and be it further

23 Resolved, That we join with the individuals and loved ones in
24 the Down syndrome community to support their endeavor for much
25 deserved acceptance of their abilities and talents, but more
26 importantly, acceptance as individuals.