

# HOUSE RESOLUTION NO.158

Reps. Aragona, Alexander, Borton, Mentzer, Miller, Byrnes, Edwards, Dievendorf, Rogers, Rheingans, Hood, Breen, Hope, Brabec, McKinney, Roth, Schmaltz, Liberati, Bruck, BeGole, Jaime Greene, Haadsma, Hill, Morse and Young offered the following resolution:

1           A resolution to declare October 2023 as Down Syndrome  
2 Awareness Month in the state of Michigan.

3           Whereas, Down syndrome is a genetic condition that affects  
4 individuals worldwide, resulting from the presence of an extra copy  
5 of chromosome 21, leading to intellectual and developmental  
6 challenges; and

7           Whereas, Individuals with Down syndrome, their families, and  
8 the organizations that support them work tirelessly to promote  
9 awareness, acceptance, and inclusion in our communities; and

1           Whereas, October presents an opportunity to increase public  
2 awareness and understanding of Down syndrome, foster inclusivity,  
3 and celebrate the achievements and contributions of individuals  
4 with Down syndrome; and

5           Whereas, By designating October as Down Syndrome Awareness  
6 Month in Michigan, we can promote a more inclusive and  
7 compassionate society, where individuals with Down syndrome are  
8 valued and empowered to reach their fullest potential; and

9           Whereas, Numerous organizations, advocates, and individuals  
10 have dedicated themselves to promoting Down syndrome awareness and  
11 advocating for the rights and well-being of individuals with Down  
12 syndrome; and

13           Whereas, This awareness and understanding can promote  
14 inclusion, break down stereotypes, and create a more accepting and  
15 supportive society for individuals and families with Down syndrome;  
16 now, therefore, be it

17           Resolved by the House of Representatives, That members of this  
18 legislative body declare October 2023 as Down Syndrome Awareness  
19 Month in the state of Michigan. We recognize the unique  
20 contributions of individuals with Down syndrome to our society and  
21 promote the inclusion, diversity, and acceptance of all individuals  
22 diagnosed with Down Syndrome.