

## Lower Mainland Down Syndrome Society

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Hello,

I hope this letter finds you well. My name is Theresa Preston, and I am writing to you on behalf of the Lower Mainland Down Syndrome Society to request a proclamation in recognition of World Down Syndrome Day on March 21st, 2025.

World Down Syndrome Day is a global awareness day officially observed by the United Nations since 2012. The date, March 21<sup>st</sup>, signifies the uniqueness of the triplication (trisomy) of the 21<sup>st</sup> chromosome which causes Down syndrome. This day is an opportunity for our community to raise public awareness, promote inclusivity, and celebrate the lives and achievements of individuals with Down syndrome.

We believe that a proclamation from the Lower Mainland Down Syndrome Society would greatly enhance our efforts to bring attention to this important cause. It would also demonstrate your organization's commitment to supporting individuals with Down syndrome and their families.

We kindly request that the proclamation include the following points:

- Recognition of March 21<sup>st</sup> as World Down Syndrome Day.
- Acknowledgement of the contributions and achievements of individuals with Down syndrome.
- Encouragement for the community to participate in activities and events that promote awareness and inclusion.

We would be honored to collaborate with you on any events or initiatives planned for this day and are happy to provide any additional information or support needed to facilitate this proclamation.

Thank you for considering our request. We look forward to the possibility of working together to make World Down Syndrome Day a meaningful and impactful event in our community.

Warm regards,

Theresa Preston Executive Director

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