



Joint Proclamation



WHEREAS, approximately one in every 700 babies are born with Down syndrome, representing about 6,000 births per year and about 250,000 people in the United States living with this condition found among all cultures and economic classes; and

WHEREAS, people with Down syndrome possess a wide range of abilities, and are active participants in educational, occupational, social, and recreational circles of the community; and

WHEREAS, Buddy Fest is an event coordinated by Down syndrome Outreach, a program of The Arc of Whatcom County, and celebrates these achievements of children and adults with Down syndrome; and

WHEREAS, the activities of the Buddy Fest will help promote programs and issues regarding education, advocacy, awareness and inclusion.

NOW, THEREFORE, DO WE, Seth Fleetwood, Mayor of the City of Bellingham and Satpal Singh Sidhu, Whatcom County Executive, proclaim October 2, 2022 as

DOWN SYNDROME AWARENESS DAY

throughout Whatcom County and encourage all citizens to work together to promote awareness of Down syndrome and to celebrate the many wonderful accomplishments of individuals and their families.

Signed this 15th day of August, 2022

Handwritten signature of Seth Fleetwood in blue ink.

Seth Fleetwood, Mayor
City of Bellingham

Handwritten signature of Satpal Singh Sidhu in blue ink.

Satpal Singh Sidhu, County Executive
County of Whatcom

