Hidalgo County

Proclamation Declaring October 2023 Down Syndrome Awareness Month

Whereas each year, approximately 6,000 babies in the United States are born with Down syndrome. Though these newborns will experience many challenges, American innovation and research is helping these beautiful souls lead independent, full, and happy lives; and

Whereas every human life possesses immeasurable value and has fundamental moral worth. People with Down syndrome deserve to be fully included and actively participate in all aspects of society; and

Whereas Hidalgo County is inspired by the spirit and exuberant joy with which these treasured Americans live each day. People with Down syndrome should be defined by their own strengths, abilities, and inherent value; and

Whereas the month of October is an important opportunity for Hidalgo County to reaffirm its commitment to creating a society that better appreciates and respects the dignity of life in all of its beautiful and miraculous stages. Together, we can create an inclusive county, one where citizens with Down syndrome are embraced in schools, workplaces, and communities—one where discrimination can no longer cast a shadow of inequality — with appropriate resources and support groups, allowing people with Down syndrome to make decisions about their own lives and be heard on issues affecting their lives.

Now therefore, be it proclaimed that the Hidalgo County Commissioners Court hereby declares the month of October 2023 as Down Syndrome Awareness Month and encourages community leaders and businesses to foster opportunities for persons with Down Syndrome so they are better able to participate in our community and pursue their dreams.

Approved this 3rd day of October 2023.

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Attest:
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