

A Proclamation of the Commerce City Council
Designating March 21, 2017 as
Down Syndrome Awareness Day
In The City Of Commerce

WHEREAS, approximately one in every 700 babies in the United States is born with Down syndrome, which occurs in people of all races and economic levels, living in the United States; and

WHEREAS, the life expectancy for people with Down syndrome has increased dramatically in recent decades--from age 25 in 1983 to 60 today; and

WHEREAS, Down syndrome is a genetic disorder caused when abnormal cell division results in extra genetic material from chromosome 21; and

WHEREAS, Down syndrome causes a distinct facial appearance, intellectual disability, developmental delays, and may be associated with thyroid or heart disease; and

WHEREAS, when children and adults with Down syndrome and other disabilities are given opportunities to participate, all children benefit from this shared environment; and

WHEREAS, on December 19, 2011, the United Nations General Assembly declared March 21st as World Down Syndrome Day; and

WHEREAS, Down Syndrome Awareness Day is an opportunity to enhance public education and awareness about Down syndrome;

WHEREAS, as members of society, individuals with down syndrome benefit from loving homes, education, positive public attitudes, and a supportive community; and

WHEREAS, Down Syndrome Awareness Day will raise the public's knowledge and awareness to take necessary steps to support, educate, advocate, and celebrate Down syndrome.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE COMMERCE CITY COUNCIL HEREBY PROCLAIMS MARCH 21, 2017 AS DOWN SYNDROME AWARENESS DAY IN THE CITY OF COMMERCE TO INCREASE AWARENESS AND PROMOTE INDEPENDENCE FOR INDIVIDUALS AFFECTED BY THIS CONDITION.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 21st day of March 2017.

Ivan Altamirano

Mayor

ATTEST:

Lena Shumway
City Clerk