



The City of Minneapolis

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A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR & CITY COUNCIL

**By Reich, Gordon, Frey, B. Johnson, Yang, Warsame,
Goodman, Glidden, Cano, Bender, Quincy, A. Johnson and Palmisano**

Recognizing World Down Syndrome Day.

Whereas, Down Syndrome is a congenital disorder caused by having an extra 21st chromosome; and

Whereas, The date for World Down Syndrome Day being the 21st day of the 3rd month was selected to signify the uniqueness of the triplication (trisomy) of the 21st chromosome which causes Down Syndrome; and

Whereas, One in every 691 babies in the United States is born with Down Syndrome, making Down Syndrome the most common genetic condition; and

Whereas, Approximately 400,000 Americans have Down Syndrome and about 6,000 babies with Down Syndrome are born in the United States each year; and

Whereas, While research and early intervention have resulted in dramatic improvements in the life span and potential of those who are affected, more research is needed into diseases and illnesses that are more prevalent among people who have Down Syndrome; and

Whereas, While possessing a wide range of abilities, people with Down Syndrome are active participants in educational, occupational, social and recreational circles of our communities; and

Whereas, Individuals living with Down Syndrome should have equal opportunity to achieve the their desired goals of self-fulfillment, be valued for their achievements, be included in their community and encouraged to reach their full potential; and

Whereas, One of the victims of the 35W Bridge collapse on August 1, 2007, Richard Chit, had the attribute of Down Syndrome; and

Whereas, Each year on March 21st, buildings and bridges- including the Empire State Building in New York City- are lit in blue and yellow; and

Now, Therefore, be it Resolved by the City Council of the City of Minneapolis:

That the City Council declares the 21st Day of March, 2016, to be Down Syndrome Awareness Day in the City of Minneapolis and that the 35W Bridge will be lit in blue and yellow on this day.

Passed, January 29, 2016

Barbara Johnson, President of the Council

Approved:

Betsy Hodges, Mayor

Attest:

Casey Carl, City Clerk