

## **PROCLAMATION**

## WORLD DOWN SYNDROME DAY

## MARCH 21, 2025

**WHEREAS** Halton Down syndrome (HDSA) World Down syndrome Day (WDSD) promotes awareness to represent the tripling of the 21st chromosome found in those individuals with Down syndrome through educational campaigns, activities and events held across Halton;

**AND WHEREAS** HDSA's WDSD encourages everyone to share the joy of Down syndrome, to advocate and take action to improve the quality of life for people with Down syndrome and their families;

**AND WHEREAS** increased awareness and understanding of Down syndrome will promote the increase of services and supports and ensure people with Down syndrome are afforded equitable opportunity to reach their full potential through all stages of life;

**AND WHEREAS** HDSA actively supports and encourages meaningful participation of people with Down syndrome in all spaces in society, during World Down syndrome Day and throughout the year.

**THEREFORE**, I, Ann Lawlor, Mayor, of the Town of Halton Hills do hereby proclaim March 21, 2025 as **World Down Syndrome Day**.

Ann Lawlor

Mayor, Town of Halton Hills

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