

1 A RESOLUTION recognizing March 21, 2024, as World Down Syndrome Day in
2 Kentucky.

3 WHEREAS, Down syndrome occurs when an individual is born with an extra
4 partial or whole copy of chromosome 21; and

5 WHEREAS, each year approximately 6,000 babies, or 1 in every 700, are born with
6 Down syndrome; and

7 WHEREAS, an estimated 250,700 children, teens, and adults are living with Down
8 syndrome in the United States; and

9 WHEREAS, the quality of life for those with Down syndrome is improved through
10 regular checkups to monitor their mental and physical health, as 50 percent of those
11 diagnosed with Down syndrome also struggle with congenital heart conditions and have a
12 high risk for hearing loss, obstructive sleep apnea, ear infections, and eye diseases; and

13 WHEREAS, older mothers are much more likely than younger mothers to give
14 birth to an infant with Down syndrome; and

15 WHEREAS, Down syndrome occurs across the globe and creates lasting effects on
16 learning styles, physical characteristics, and health; and

17 WHEREAS, World Down Syndrome Day is recognized on March 21 of each year
18 to promote awareness of adequate health care access, early intervention programs,
19 continued education, and research that are vital for the growth and development of the
20 individual with Down syndrome;

21 NOW, THEREFORE,

22 ***Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of***
23 ***Kentucky:***

24 ➔Section 1. The Senate hereby recognizes March 21, 2024, as World Down
25 Syndrome Day in order to promote awareness of and support for those in Kentucky and
26 nationwide who have been diagnosed with Down syndrome.

27 ➔Section 2. The Clerk of the Senate is directed to transmit a copy of this

- 1 Resolution to Senator Stephen Meredith.