



COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

PROCLAMATION

**DOWN SYNDROME AWARENESS MONTH
October 2020**

WHEREAS, approximately one in every 700 children are born with Down Syndrome, representing an estimated 6,000 births per year in the United States; and

WHEREAS, there are over 400,000 individuals living with Down Syndrome in the United States; and

WHEREAS, while research and early intervention have resulted in dramatic improvements in the life span and potential of those who are affected, more investigation is needed into the causes and treatment of Down Syndrome; and

WHEREAS, 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 with Down Syndrome should have equal opportunity to achieve the universally desired goals of self-fulfillment, pride in their achievements, inclusion in their community and reaching their fullest potential; and

WHEREAS, local Down Syndrome foundations aid families, schools, healthcare professionals, and governments to help create opportunities, raise awareness, and facilitate solutions for these valued members of our community.

THEREFORE, I, Tom Wolf, Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, do hereby proclaim the month of October 2020 as Down Syndrome Awareness Month in support of individuals with Down Syndrome, as well as their families, advocates, researchers, and medical professionals. I encourage all Pennsylvanians to work together to promote respect and inclusion of individuals with Down Syndrome and to celebrate their accomplishments and contributions.



GIVEN under my hand and the Seal of the Governor, at the City of Harrisburg, this twenty-eighth day of August two thousand twenty, the year of the commonwealth the two hundred forty-fifth.

Tom Wolf
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Governor