



World Down Syndrome Day March 21, 2018

WHEREAS, approximately one in every **700 babies** in the United States is born with Down Syndrome, making Down Syndrome the most common chromosomal condition. About **6,000 babies** with Down Syndrome are born in the United States each year; and

WHEREAS, there are an estimated six million people with Down Syndrome in the world today; and

WHEREAS, people with Down Syndrome possess a wide range of abilities, and are active participants in educational, occupational, social and recreational circles of our community; and

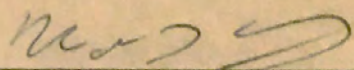
WHEREAS, starting in Singapore in 2006, the date 3-21 has come to represent three copies of chromosome 21 (hence 3-21) and has developed into a movement to celebrate and value people with Down Syndrome around the world; and

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

WHEREAS, people 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.

NOW THEREFORE, I, William L. Courtright, Mayor of the City of Scranton do hereby proclaim **March 21, 2018** as **"WORLD DOWN SYNDROME DAY"** and encourage citizens of Scranton to work together to promote respect and inclusion of individuals with Down Syndrome and to celebrate their accomplishments.





William L. Courtright
Mayor