



**PROCLAMATION**

***World Down Syndrome Day***

- WHEREAS** *World Down Syndrome Day is an international observance resolved by the General Assembly of the United Nations to raise public awareness of Down syndrome and promote equitable treatment of individuals with Down syndrome in accordance with the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disability; and*
- WHEREAS** *at this time we take an opportunity to highlight the unique abilities, strengths and needs of our community members with Down syndrome; and*
- WHEREAS** *individuals with Down syndrome have tremendous potential to live full and fulfilling lives as contributing members of our community; and*
- WHEREAS** *as Canadians, we celebrate our similarities, as well as our differences, knowing we are richer, as a result; and*
- WHEREAS** *the City of Courtenay values our citizens with Down syndrome and their families and supports the well-being of all individuals with Down syndrome so that they may achieve their fullest potential.*
- NOW THEREFORE** *I, Bob Wells, Mayor of the City of Courtenay, hereby proclaim March 21st, 2023 as “**WORLD DOWN SYNDROME DAY**” in Courtenay.*

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*Mayor Bob Wells*