

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR / CITY OF DALLAS



Proclamation

WHEREAS, According to the National Down Syndrome Society, approximately 1 in every 691 children are born with Down syndrome; This means, today, there are more than 400,000 people living with Down syndrome in the United States; and

WHEREAS, People with Down syndrome possess a wide range of abilities and are active participants in all parts of our community; and

WHEREAS, The life expectancy for individuals with Down syndrome has increased from age 25 in 1983 to age 60 today; and

WHEREAS, Down Right Perfect Day provides a wonderful opportunity for families to celebrate their loved ones; We can also make a point of honoring our dedicated healthcare professionals, special education teachers, and caregivers as well as connect with one another; and

WHEREAS, On Down Right Perfect Day, information will be shared about Down syndrome, helping to raise public awareness of this condition; and

WHEREAS, The date of May 21st was selected by Kelly and Kelso, an organization that provides children with literature about Down syndrome; The date's significance is important for two reasons; Kelly Owen Burk, the inspiration behind Kelly and Kelso, was born with Down syndrome on May 21, 1952 and his story has positively impacted thousands of lives around the world; The date also signifies the uniqueness of Down syndrome in the triplication (trisomy) of the 21st chromosome.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ERIC JOHNSON, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF DALLAS, do hereby proclaim May 21, 2022 as

DOWNRIGHT PERFECT DAY

in Dallas, Texas.

Mayor, The City of Dallas

