State of North Carolina

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GOVERNOR

DOWN SYNDROME AWARENESS DAY

2015

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, there are an estimated 6 million people with Down syndrome in the world today; and

WHEREAS, many countries do not afford people with Down syndrome basic fundamental human and civil rights; and

WHEREAS, despite dramatic increases in lifespan and intellectual ability in the U.S., there is still much work to be done regarding the rights to equality, inclusion, education, medical care, research, and support for people with Down syndrome in the U.S. and abroad; and

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

WHEREAS, North Carolina groups such as the Triangle Down Syndrome Network, the Piedmont Down Syndrome Support Network, the Down Syndrome Association of Greater Charlotte and other agencies support, educate, and connect individuals with Down syndrome, their families and the communities in which we live and promote research to enrich the lives of individuals with Down syndrome; and

WHEREAS, the State of North Carolina joins the United Nations and more than 190 other countries in celebrating and valuing the lives and equality of people with Down syndrome;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, PAT McCRORY, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim March 21, 2015, as **"DOWN SYNDROME AWARENESS DAY"** in North Carolina, and commend its observance to all citizens.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of North Carolina at the Capitol in Raleigh this second day of February in the year of our Lord two thousand and fifteen, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and thirty-ninth.

PAT McCRORY
Governor