

The County of Centre

PROCLAMATION

NUMBER 37 OF 2022

WHEREAS, the Centre County Down Syndrome Society (CCDSS) was founded in State College, PA in 2006 by five families seeking to establish a group for support and advocacy for themselves and other families with a member with Down syndrome; and

WHEREAS, that group has grown over the past 16 years to include dozens of families throughout the central Pennsylvania region and as of 2015 is now recognized as the Centre Region Down Syndrome Society (CRDSS); and

WHEREAS, the CRDSS seeks to provide individuals with Down syndrome and their families with the tools, resources and support necessary to participate in, contribute to, and achieve personal fulfillment; and

WHEREAS, we respect the rights, abilities and potential of people with Down syndrome, and expect others to do the same; and

WHEREAS, we value quality of education, healthcare, and employment opportunities provided to people with Down syndrome and believe that people with Down syndrome should have the opportunity to make choices affecting their lives; and

WHEREAS, we value the opinions, beliefs, backgrounds, experiences, and contributions of families, individuals with Down syndrome, and their supporters in our community in advocating for the rights and abilities of people with Down syndrome; and

WHEREAS, there are 6 million individuals worldwide living with Down syndrome, and nearly 300,000 individuals living with Down syndrome in the United States, and Down syndrome is the most common chromosomal anomaly occurring in the United States, with 1 out of every 770 live births being a baby with Down syndrome.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Centre County Board of Commissioners does hereby recognize October as **Down Syndrome Awareness Month** and encourages all citizens to become familiar with the Centre Region Down Syndrome Society, and with their mission and the advocacy, information, and support services offered.

ADOPTED this 20th day of October 2022.



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