

Regional Clerk  
York Region Administrative Centre  
17250 Yonge St.  
Newmarket, ON  
L3Y 6Z1

February 16, 2022

**Re: Proclamation Request for World Down Syndrome Day, March 21, 2022**

Dear Sir or Madam:

The Down Syndrome Association of York Region (DSAYR) exists to serve and support those in our communities who have Down Syndrome and to raise awareness about Down Syndrome in the community at large. We are a group of people living with Down Syndrome, parents, educators, and community support professionals who firmly believe in and actively promote the inherent worth and equality of people with Down Syndrome.

World Down Syndrome Day is held on March 21 each year. It is a global awareness day which has been officially observed by the United Nations since 2012. The Province of Ontario first proclaimed March 21 to be Ontario Down Syndrome Day in 2016.

I write today on behalf of the DSAYR to ask that York Region join us in celebrating World Down Syndrome Day by proclaiming March 21, 2022 to be "York Region Down Syndrome Day". We also ask that the event be promoted via the Region's social media as you see fit. We are making similar requests of all nine municipalities in York Region

We would greatly appreciate York Region's assistance in promoting World Down Syndrome Day on March 21, 2022.

Thank you for considering our request. You may contact us at 416-410-DOWN or email us at [info@dsayr.ca](mailto:info@dsayr.ca).

Sincerely,

*Domenic Gentilini*  
Domenic Gentilini  
President, DSAYR

## **DRAFT PROCLAMATION – YORK REGION**

WHEREAS March 21<sup>st</sup> is World Down Syndrome Day, a day to raise awareness about Down Syndrome and to celebrate the worth, accomplishments and contributions of those who live with Down Syndrome,

AND WHEREAS there are an estimated 45 000 Canadians living with Down Syndrome,

AND WHEREAS those with Down Syndrome are an important part of the fabric of life in our community,

York Region proclaims March 21, 2022 as YORK REGION DOWN SYNDROME DAY.