

York Region  
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February 28, 2025

**Proclamation Request**  
**World Down Syndrome Day - March 21, 2025**

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Dear Sir or Madam:

The Down Syndrome Association of York Region (DSAYR) is committed to promoting a positive image of people with Down syndrome, as being valued members of our communities. We are a group of parents, individuals with Down syndrome, educators, and community support professionals who firmly believe in the inherent equality of people with Down syndrome.

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

The DSAYR is asking the Region of York to join us in celebrating World Down Syndrome Day by:

- proclaiming March 21 to be “YORK 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. This is a wonderful way for the Region of York to learn about Down syndrome and join the celebration.

We would greatly appreciate the Region of York’s support in promoting World Down Syndrome Day on March 21st. You may contact us at 416-410-DOWN or email us at [info@dsayr.ca](mailto:info@dsayr.ca).

Sincerely,

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