



## Joint Proclamation



**WHEREAS**, approximately one in every 700 babies are born with Down syndrome, representing about 6,000 births per year and about 250,000 people in the United States living with this condition found among all cultures and economic classes; and

**WHEREAS**, people with Down syndrome possess a wide range of abilities, and are active participants in educational, occupational, social, and recreational circles of the community; and

**WHEREAS**, Buddy Fest is an event coordinated by Down syndrome Outreach, a program of The Arc of Whatcom County, and celebrates these achievements of children and adults with Down syndrome; and

**WHEREAS**, the activities of the Buddy Fest will help promote programs and issues regarding education, advocacy, awareness and inclusion.

**NOW, THEREFORE, DO WE**, Seth Fleetwood, Mayor of the City of Bellingham and Satpal Singh Sidhu, Whatcom County Executive, proclaim October 2, 2022 as

### DOWN SYNDROME AWARENESS DAY

throughout Whatcom County and encourage all citizens to work together to promote awareness of Down syndrome and to celebrate the many wonderful accomplishments of individuals and their families.

Signed this 15<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2022

Handwritten signature of Seth Fleetwood in blue ink.

Seth Fleetwood, Mayor  
City of Bellingham

Handwritten signature of Satpal Singh Sidhu in blue ink.

Satpal Singh Sidhu, County Executive  
County of Whatcom

