

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Down syndrome remains the most common chromosomal condition diagnosed in the United States. The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) estimates that about 6,000 babies born in the United States each year have Down syndrome. Each person with Down syndrome has different talents and the ability to thrive; and

WHEREAS, World Down Syndrome Day is the day that the Down syndrome community creates a single global voice advocating for the rights, inclusion, and well-being of people with Down syndrome; and

WHEREAS, on this significant occasion of World Down Syndrome Day, we rally together under the banner of this year's theme, "End The Stereotypes", proclaiming our collective commitment to dismantling prejudiced perceptions and fostering a world where individuals with Down syndrome are recognized for their unique abilities and contributions; and

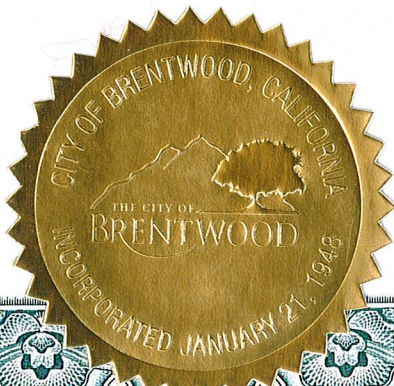
WHEREAS, stereotypes, like shadows, obscure the remarkable individuality of those with Down syndrome, distorting perceptions and inhibiting progress. Today, we raise our voices to challenge these stereotypes, advocating for a paradigm shift grounded in understanding, empathy, and appreciation; and

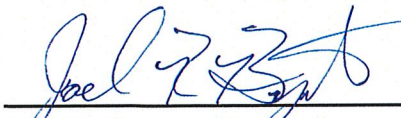
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that the City Council of the City of Brentwood does hereby recognize March 21, 2024 as

WORLD DOWN SYNDROME DAY

and encourages the residents and organizations of Brentwood to strive for a future where the only stereotype associated with Down syndrome is one of triumph, resilience, and limitless potential.

Dated this 12th day of March 2024




Joel R. Bryant, Mayor