

By: Senator(s) Boyd, England, Barnett,  
Branning, Butler (38th), Caughman, Jackson  
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To: Rules

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 579

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION DECLARING THAT MARCH 21, 2022, IS  
2 "WORLD DOWN SYNDROME DAY IN MISSISSIPPI" TO ENCOURAGE AWARENESS  
3 AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH DOWN SYNDROME.

4 WHEREAS, one in every 700 babies is born with Down syndrome,  
5 representing approximately 6,000 births per year in the United  
6 States; and

7 WHEREAS, the National Down Syndrome Society, the leading  
8 human rights organization for all individuals with Down syndrome,  
9 envisions a world in which all people with Down syndrome have the  
10 opportunity to enhance their equality of life, realize their life  
11 aspirations and become valued members of welcoming communities;  
12 and

13 WHEREAS, recent advancements in Down syndrome research have  
14 proven that early intervention, education, social support,  
15 therapeutic care and positive public attitudes improve each  
16 individual's chances of living an independent, productive and  
17 satisfying life; and



18           WHEREAS, individuals with Down syndrome should have equal  
19 opportunity to achieve the universally desired goals of  
20 self-fulfillment, pride in their achievements, inclusion in their  
21 community and reach their fullest potential; and

22           WHEREAS, in recent years, many federal statutes have given an  
23 increasing amount of discretion to the states to ensure that  
24 policies are implemented in the best interests of individuals with  
25 intellectual disabilities and advocacy work at the state level is  
26 critical:

27           NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF  
28 MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That  
29 we hereby declare that March 21, 2022, is "World Down Syndrome Day  
30 in Mississippi" to encourage awareness and opportunities for  
31 individuals with Down syndrome.

32           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be forwarded to  
33 the National Down Syndrome Society, the Mississippi Coalition for  
34 Individuals with Disabilities and the Mississippi Department of  
35 Mental Health for appropriate distribution, and be made available  
36 to the Capitol Press Corps.

