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WHEREAS, there are an estimated 6 million people with Down syndrome in the world today, and approximately 1 in every 700 children are born with Down syndrome, representing an estimated 6,000 births per year in the United States; and

WHEREAS, people with Down syndrome deserve fundamental human and civil rights and yet many people with Down syndrome are still not afforded those rights; and

WHEREAS, despite dramatic increases in the lifespan and ability of those who have Down Syndrome, there is still much work to be done regarding the rights to equality, inclusion, education, medical care, research, and support for people with Down syndrome; and

WHEREAS, possessing a wide range of abilities, people with Down syndrome can be active participants in civic, educational, occupational, social, recreational and all circles of our communities; and

WHEREAS, individuals with Down syndrome should have the same opportunity to achieve universally desired goals and self-fulfillment, have pride in the achievements, be included in their community, and reach their fullest potential; and

WHEREAS, the Northwest Down Syndrome Association has been working with families since 1997 with a mission to create and nurture a loving and inclusive community celebrating every person with a disability including Down syndrome by empowering and supporting those who have been touched by intellectual/developmental disability; and

WHEREAS, starting in 2006, the date 3-21 has come to represent the 3 copies of chromosome 21 found in many individuals with Down syndrome and has developed into a movement to celebrate and value people with Down syndrome around the world;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Adrian Cortes, Mayor of the City of Battle Ground, Washington do hereby proclaim March 21, 2020 as World Down syndrome Day in the City of Battle Ground and encourage our citizens to work together to promote respect and inclusion of individuals with Down syndrome, celebrate their accomplishments, create opportunities, increase acceptance, and facilitate solutions for all valued members of our community.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Battle Ground to be affixed this 16th day of March 2020.

Mayor Adrian Cortes