

**RESOLUTION NO. 449-2021, DESIGNATING MARCH 21st AS
“DOWN SYNDROME AWARENESS DAY” IN SUFFOLK
COUNTY**

WHEREAS, each year, approximately 6,000 babies are born with Down syndrome, which is about 1 in every 700 babies born, making Down syndrome the most common chromosomal condition in the United States; and

WHEREAS, there are more than 400,000 individuals living with Down syndrome in the United States; and

WHEREAS, possessing a wide range of abilities, people with Down syndrome are active participants in educational, occupational, social and recreational areas of our communities; and

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

WHEREAS, while research and early intervention have resulted in dramatic improvements in the life span and potential of those who are affected, more investigation is needed into the causes and treatment of Down syndrome; and

WHEREAS, Suffolk County wishes to designate March 21st as “Down Syndrome Awareness Day” to support those who work tirelessly with families, schools, healthcare professionals and governments to help create opportunities, raise awareness and facilitate solutions for these valued members of our community; now, therefore be it

1st RESOLVED, that beginning in 2022 and continuing every year thereafter March 21st shall be designated as “Down Syndrome Awareness Day” in Suffolk County to encourage the residents of Suffolk County to work together to promote respect and inclusion of individuals with Down syndrome and to celebrate their accomplishments and contributions; and be it further

2nd RESOLVED, that commencing in 2022 and continuing every year thereafter, that the Department of Public Work is hereby authorized, empowered and directed, pursuant to Section C8-2(W) of the SUFFOLK COUNTY CHARTER to illuminate the north side of the H. Lee Dennison Executive Office Building facing Veterans Memorial Highway with a blue glow on the evening of March 21st; and be it further

3rd RESOLVED, that this Legislature, being the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) lead agency, hereby finds and determines that this resolution constitutes a Type II action pursuant to Section 617.5(c)(26) and (33) of Title 6 of the NEW YORK CODE OF RULES AND REGULATIONS (6 NYCRR) and within the meaning of Section 8-0109(2) of the NEW YORK ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION LAW insofar as these actions constitute routine or continuing administration and management not including new programs or major reordering of priorities that may affect the environment, and the Suffolk County Council on Environmental

Quality (CEQ) is hereby directed to circulate any appropriate SEQRA notices of determination of non-applicability or non-significance in accordance with this resolution.

DATED: June 8, 2021

APPROVED BY:

/s/ Steven Bellone
County Executive of Suffolk County

Date: June 16, 2021