



SPONSOR: Rep. Paradee & Rep. Hensley on behalf of all
Representatives & Sen. Poore on behalf of all Senators

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
149th GENERAL ASSEMBLY

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 68

RECOGNIZING MARCH 21, 2018 "ROCK YOUR SOCKS FOR WORLD DOWN SYNDROME DAY."

1 WHEREAS, March 21, 2018, marks the 13th anniversary of World Down Syndrome Day, a day to raise global
2 awareness of what Down syndrome is, what it means to have Down syndrome, and how people with Down syndrome are a
3 beautiful and vital part of our communities; and

4 WHEREAS, about 1 in 700 (or 6,000) babies are born each year with Down syndrome in the United States; and

5 WHEREAS, nationwide there are more than 400,000 individuals with Down syndrome; and

6 WHEREAS, each person with Down syndrome has his or her own unique personalities and abilities, and it is
7 important to recognize them; and

8 WHEREAS, Delawareans with Down syndrome attend school, work, participate in decisions that affect them and
9 contribute to society in many wonderful ways; and

10 WHEREAS, Delawareans with Down syndrome share the same rights as all Delawareans to live life as they
11 choose in their homes, and pursue their educational and employment dreams; and

12 WHEREAS, we hereby celebrate the talents and gifts of people with Down syndrome, and honor the contributions
13 these individuals make in our community; and

14 WHEREAS, we hereby recognize the love, support and commitment of families, friends, and loved ones of people
15 with Down syndrome; and

16 WHEREAS, the Down Syndrome Association of Delaware is a supportive resource, advocating for the acceptance
17 and understanding of individuals with Down syndrome so they can achieve the same level of access and opportunity of
18 their peers; and

19 WHEREAS, together we will create a single global voice for advocating for the rights, inclusion and wellbeing of
20 people with Down syndrome in our school, community and around the world. March 21, World Down Syndrome Day, was
21 selected to signify the uniqueness of the triplication (trisomy) of the 21st chromosome which leads to Down Syndrome.

22 NOW, THEREFORE:

23 BE IT RESOLVED, by the House of Representatives of the 149th General Assembly of the State of Delaware, the
24 Senate concurring therein that March 21, 2018, is designated as "Rock Your Socks for World Down Syndrome Day."

SYNOPSIS

This House Concurrent Resolution designates the 21st day of the Month of March, 2018 as “Rock Your Socks for World Down Syndrome Day” and celebrates the beauty and contributions that people with Down syndrome make in Delaware.