



SPONSOR: Rep. Griffith & Rep. Dorsey Walker

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
152nd GENERAL ASSEMBLY

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 96

RECOGNIZING MARCH 21, 2024, AS "ROCK YOUR SOCKS FOR WORLD DOWN SYNDROME DAY."

1 WHEREAS, March 21, 2024, marks the 18th 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
15 people with Down syndrome; and

16 WHEREAS, the Down Syndrome Association of Delaware serves more than 450 individuals with Down
17 syndrome in Delaware providing programs, resources, and support for the individuals and their families; and

18 WHEREAS, the Down Syndrome Association of Delaware is distributing more than 50,000 pairs of mismatched
19 socks to schools, local businesses, and individuals to celebrate World Down Syndrome Day in the First State; and

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

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

26 NOW, THEREFORE:

27 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the 152nd General Assembly of the State of Delaware, the
28 Senate concurring therein, that March 21, 2024, 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 2024 as “Rock Your Socks for World Down Syndrome Day” and celebrates the beauty and contributions that people with Down syndrome make in Delaware.