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HR 1070

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8 **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

9 TO CELEBRATE AND RECOGNIZE MARCH 21, 2025, AS WORLD
10 DOWN SYNDROME DAY IN THE STATE OF ARKANSAS.

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13 **Subtitle**

14 TO CELEBRATE AND RECOGNIZE MARCH 21,
15 2025, AS WORLD DOWN SYNDROME DAY IN THE
16 STATE OF ARKANSAS.

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18 WHEREAS, Down Syndrome is a naturally occurring chromosomal arrangement
19 that has always been a part of the human condition, exists in all regions
20 across the globe, and commonly results in variable effects on learning
21 styles, physical characteristics, or health; and

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23 WHEREAS, adequate access to health care, early intervention programs,
24 and inclusive education are vital to the growth and development of
25 individuals with Down Syndrome; and

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27 WHEREAS, it is imperative that all remember the inherent dignity,
28 worth, and valuable contributions of persons with intellectual disabilities
29 and the importance of each person's autonomy and independence; and

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31 WHEREAS, the date for World Down Syndrome Day is the twenty-first day
32 of the third month, selected to signify the uniqueness of the triplication of
33 the twenty-first chromosome that causes Down Syndrome; and

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35 WHEREAS, Down Syndrome is a genetic disorder affecting one (1) in over
36 seven hundred (700) babies or approximately six thousand (6,000) births per



1 year in the United States; and

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3 WHEREAS, the Down Syndrome Connection of Northwest Arkansas's 2024
4 Impact Report shows that the organization served two hundred eighty-eight
5 (288) families impacted by Down Syndrome, delivered seventeen (17) new parent
6 baskets, donated nine hundred seventy (970) hours of service via one hundred
7 ninety-one (191) volunteers, and raised one hundred eighteen thousand two
8 hundred eighty-five dollars (\$118,285) for the local community; and

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10 WHEREAS, this year marks the twenty-second anniversary of World Down
11 Syndrome Day, which supports individuals with Down Syndrome and those who
12 advocate and care for them,

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14 NOW THEREFORE,

15 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL
16 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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18 THAT the House of Representatives celebrate and recognize March 21,
19 2025, as World Down Syndrome Day in the State of Arkansas.

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