WHEREAS, approximately one in every 691 children are born with Down syndrome, representing an estimated 5,000 births per year in the United States; and

WHEREAS, there are over 250,000 individuals living with Down syndrome in the United States; 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, possessing a wide range of abilities, people with Down syndrome are active participants in educational, occupational, social, and recreational circles of our communities; and

WHEREAS, The Down Syndrome Guild of Greater Kansas City has been working for 31 years to educate and support parents and individuals with Down syndrome locally and currently serves over 1,300 families; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the [insert name here], do hereby proclaim the month of October 2015 as Down Syndrome Awareness Month and encourage our citizens to work together to promote respect and inclusion of individuals with Down syndrome and to celebrate their accomplishments and contributions; and

FURTHER, we encourage residents to support The Down Syndrome Guild of Greater Kansas City in the work they do with families, schools, healthcare professionals and governments to help create opportunities, raise awareness and facilitate solutions for these valued members of our community.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hands and caused the Seal of [Insert name here] to be affixed on this [Insert date here] day of October, 2015.