

Proclamation



OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

***WHEREAS**, World Down Syndrome Day is a global awareness day which has been officially observed by the United Nations since 2012; and*

***WHEREAS**, there are an estimated 6 million people with Down syndrome in the world today; and*

***WHEREAS**, individuals with Down syndrome have tremendous potential to live full and fulfilling lives as contributing members of the community; and*

***WHEREAS**, people with Down syndrome deserve fundamental human and civil rights and yet in many countries, people with Down syndrome are still not afforded those rights; and*

***WHEREAS**, the Village of Key Biscayne fully supports the rights, inclusion and well-being of all individuals with Down syndrome; and*

***WHEREAS**, despite dramatic increases in lifespan and intellectual ability in the U.S., there is still much work to be done regarding the rights to equality, inclusion, education, medical care, research, and support for people with Down syndrome in the U.S. and abroad; and*

***WHEREAS**, through public awareness, the Village of Key Biscayne celebrates the hard work and progress made by parents, families members, friends, self-advocates, medical professionals, researchers, educators, and many non-profit organizations all over the world; and*

***WHEREAS**, the Village of Key Biscayne joins the United Nations and over 191 other countries in celebrating and valuing the lives and equality of people with Down syndrome;*

Therefore, I, Mayra Peña Lindsay, Mayor of the Village of Key Biscayne, do hereby proclaim March 21st, 2018 as

“WORLD DOWN SYNDROME DAY”

In the Village of Key Biscayne

MAYOR MAYRA PEÑA LINDSAY

