



## Proclamation

*Whereas*, approximately one in every 700 babies are born with Down syndrome, representing about 6,000 births per year and about 250,000 people in the United States living with this condition found among all cultures and economic classes;

*Whereas*, People with Down syndrome possess a wide range of abilities, and are active participants in educational, occupational, social, and recreational circles of the community; and

*Whereas*, Buddy Fest of Whatcom County is coordinated by Down syndrome Outreach, a program of The Arc of Whatcom County, and celebrates these achievements of children and adults with Down syndrome; and

*Whereas*, Buddy Fest will be held on Saturday September 23<sup>rd</sup>; and

*Whereas*, the activities of Buddy Fest will help promote programs and issues regarding education, advocacy, awareness and inclusion;

Now, therefore, do I, Satpal Sidhu, Whatcom County Executive hereby proclaim the month of October as

### **Down syndrome Awareness Month**

throughout Whatcom County and encourage all citizens to work together to promote awareness of Down syndrome and to celebrate the many wonderful accomplishments of individuals and their families.

Signed this <sup>15<sup>th</sup></sup> day of September, 2023

*Satpal Sidhu*

Satpal Singh Sidhu, County Executive

