

**CITY OF NIXA
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
STATE OF MISSOURI**

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, World Down Syndrome Day has been observed on March 21st since 2012. March 21st was selected to signify the uniqueness of the triplication of the 21st chromosome which causes Down Syndrome; and

WHEREAS, Down Syndrome is the most common chromosomal condition diagnosed in the United States – each year about 6,000 babies are born with Down Syndrome; and

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

WHEREAS, quality educational programs, stimulating home environments, good health care, and positive support from family, friends, and the community, enable people with Down Syndrome to lead fulfilling and productive lives; and

WHEREAS, the City of Nixa values our citizens with Down Syndrome and their families; and

WHEREAS, at this time we take an opportunity to highlight the unique abilities, strengths, and needs of our community members with Down Syndrome.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Brian Steele, Mayor of the City of Nixa, Missouri, do hereby proclaim March 21, 2022, as

"World Down Syndrome Day"

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the City of Nixa, this 14th day of March 2022.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk