

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

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, approximately 1 in every 772 babies in the United States is born with Down Syndrome, representing an estimated 5,100 people a year; and

WHEREAS, Down Syndrome is the most frequently occurring chromosomal disorder and is the leading cause of intellectual and developmental delay in the U.S. and in the world; 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, individuals with Down Syndrome should have equal opportunity to achieve the universally desired goals of self-fulfillment, pride in their achievements, inclusion in their communities and reaching their fullest potential; and

WHEREAS, quality education programs, a stimulating home environment, 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 encourages all citizens to work together to promote respect and inclusion of individuals with Down Syndrome and to celebrate their accomplishments and contributions.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jarad Giddens, Mayor of the City of Nixa, Missouri, do hereby proclaim the month of October 2023, as

"Down Syndrome Awareness Month"

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the City of Nixa, this 25th day of September, 2023.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk