



**PROCLAMATION
DECLARING MARCH 2026 AS DOWN SYNDROME
AWARENESS MONTH IN THE CITY OF
PFLUGERVILLE**

WHEREAS, March is recognized as Down Syndrome Awareness Month, a time to celebrate individuals with Down syndrome, raise awareness about their unique abilities and contributions, and promote communities where people of all abilities are valued and included; and

WHEREAS, World Down Syndrome Day is observed globally on March 21st, symbolizing the triplication of the 21st chromosome that causes Down syndrome and serving as an opportunity to promote understanding, dignity, and advocacy for individuals with Down syndrome around the world; and

WHEREAS, individuals with Down syndrome enrich our schools, workplaces, neighborhoods, and civic life through their talents, determination, kindness, and meaningful participation in community life; and

WHEREAS, families, educators, healthcare professionals, and advocates play a vital role in ensuring that individuals with Down syndrome have access to education, healthcare, employment, and opportunities to live fulfilling and meaningful lives; and

WHEREAS, organizations such as the Down Syndrome Association of Central Texas (DSACT) provide critical resources, education, and support networks for individuals with Down syndrome and their families, helping build inclusive communities across the Central Texas region; and

WHEREAS, congenital heart conditions affect nearly half of all children born with Down syndrome, making organizations such as Mended Little Hearts of Austin essential partners in supporting families navigating pediatric heart care, surgery, and lifelong heart health; and

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved that I, Doug Weiss, Mayor of the City of Pflugerville, Texas, do hereby proclaim March as Down Syndrome Awareness Month, encouraging all residents to celebrate the achievements of individuals with Down syndrome and work together to build a community where everyone belongs.

In Witness Whereof, I cause the Official Seal of the City of Pflugerville to be affixed this 24th day of March, 2026.

Doug Weiss, Mayor

Attest:

Trista Evans, City Secretary