

## Senate Resolution 345

By: Senators Echols of the 49th, Dugan of the 30th, Still of the 48th, Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Cowsert of the 46th and others

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing March 21, 2023, as World Down Syndrome Day at the state capitol; and for  
2 other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, one in every 700 children is born with Down syndrome, representing  
4 approximately 6,000 births per year in the United States; and

5 WHEREAS, the National Down Syndrome Society, the leading human rights organization  
6 for all individuals with Down syndrome, envisions a world in which all people with Down  
7 syndrome have the opportunity to enhance their quality of life, realize their life aspirations,  
8 and become valued members of welcoming communities; and

9 WHEREAS, the Down Syndrome Association of Atlanta is one of the biggest advocates in  
10 the Down syndrome community; their mission is to guide Atlanta's Down syndrome  
11 community by connecting them to the partners, programs, education, and resources they need  
12 to thrive; and

13 WHEREAS, advancements in Down syndrome research and inclusive community practices  
14 have demonstrated that early intervention, education, social supports, therapeutic care, and

15 positive public attitudes improve each individual's chances for living a meaningful,  
16 productive, and satisfying life in the way they choose; and

17 WHEREAS, individuals with Down syndrome are complete individuals who share fully the  
18 human right to strive for and achieve self-fulfillment and reap the rewards of free association  
19 with and membership of their communities.

20 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
21 recognize March 21, 2023, as World Down Syndrome Day at the state capitol.

22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
23 to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the public and the  
24 press.