



OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

CITY OF ALABASTER

**PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS**, Down Syndrome is the most frequently occurring chromosomal disorder and is the leading cause of intellectual and developmental delay in the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, approximately one in every 691 children are born with Down Syndrome, representing an estimated 5,000 births per year in the U.S. with approximately 85 of those annual births occurring here in Alabama; and

**WHEREAS**, today through the efforts of parents, activists, advocacy organizations, and self-advocates: people with Down Syndrome are offered early intervention services, attend school, procure appropriate health care, choose to live at home or independently: receive transition services and vocational training: have meaningful relationships, volunteer opportunities, maintain a job, experience a life of inclusion and rewarding maturity; and

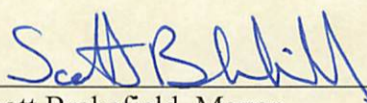
**WHEREAS**, despite significant increases in lifespan and intellectual opportunities over the past decade, there is still much work to be done regarding the rights to equality, inclusion, education, medical care, research, employment, and support for people with Down Syndrome; and

**WHEREAS**, through public awareness, the City of Alabaster supports organizations working to ensure adequate services, and productive life enhancing opportunities available for people with Down Syndrome.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Scott Brakefield, Mayor of the City of Alabaster, do hereby proclaim October 2023, as ***Down Syndrome Awareness Month***, and encourage all citizens to work together to celebrate the lives of individuals with Down Syndrome.



**WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Alabaster, Alabama to be affixed, this 25<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2023.

  
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Scott Brakefield, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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J. Mark Frey, City Clerk

