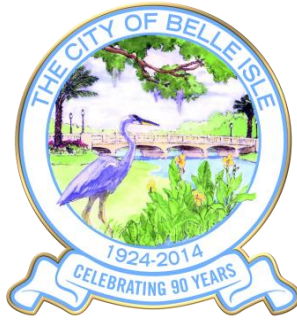


CITY OF BELLE ISLE



Proclamation

Declaring October 2018 Down Syndrome Awareness Month

WHEREAS, each year, about 6,000 babies are born with Down syndrome – a 1 in 700 chance; and
WHEREAS, there are over 250,000 individuals living with Down syndrome in the United States; and
WHEREAS, while research and early intervention have resulted in dramatic improvements in the lifespan and potential of those who are affected, more investigation is needed into the causes and treatment of Down syndrome; 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 community and reach their fullest potential.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Lydia Pisano, Mayor of the City of Belle Isle, do hereby proclaim the month of October 2018 as Down Syndrome Awareness Month and encourage our citizens to work together to promote respect and inclusion of individuals with Down syndrome and to celebrate their accomplishments and contributions; and

FURTHER, we encourage residents to support the Down Syndrome community in the work they do with families, schools, healthcare professionals and governments to help create opportunities, raise awareness and facilitate solutions for these valued members of our community.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hands and caused the Seal of the City of Belle Isle to be affixed on this 2nd day of October 2018.

Attest _____

Yolanda Quiceno, City Clerk

Mayor Lydia Pisano