

Town of Dundee



Proclamation

WHEREAS, dwarfism, a type of skeletal dysplasia that causes short stature, affects an estimated 30,000 people in the United States and more than 650,000 in the world. More than 80 percent of children with dwarfism have average-height parents and siblings; and

WHEREAS, while many people affected by dwarfism don't feel that they have a disability, the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) does protect the rights of people with dwarfism; and

WHEREAS, more than 300 different conditions can cause dwarfism. The most common type of dwarfism is called achondroplasia; and

WHEREAS, a group started in Jacksonville, Florida, LittlePeopleOfTheWorld.org, partners with countries around the world to increase awareness and support of those with dwarfism; and

WHEREAS, complications of dwarfism can include orthopedic problems, compression of the brain stem, hydrocephalus (excess fluid on the brain), and obstructive sleep apnea. Some patients may require surgeries or other medical interventions to address these complications or maximize mobility; and

WHEREAS, dwarfism affects physical development and has no bearing on intelligence, talents or abilities. Many who are diagnosed with dwarfism lead long, fulfilling lives and achieve life-long milestones.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Sam Pennant, by virtue of the authority vested in me as mayor of Dundee, Florida, do hereby proclaim October 2023 as

“Dwarfism Awareness Month”

in Dundee and encourage all citizens to learn more about this condition and to support the needs and rights of those affected by it.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand caused the seal of the Town of Dundee, Florida to be affixed this 10th day of October 2023.

TOWN OF DUNDEE, FLORIDA

Sam Pennant, Mayor

Attest:

Trevor Douthat, Town Clerk