



Proclamation

Down Syndrome Awareness Month October 2024

WHEREAS, approximately 1 in 640 babies in the United States are born with Down Syndrome, representing an estimated 5,700 people a year; and

WHEREAS, Down Syndrome is the most frequently occurring chromosomal disorder and is the leading cause of intellectual and development delay in the United States and in the world; 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 communities and reaching their fullest potential; and

WHEREAS, quality education programs, a stimulating home environment, good health care, and positive support from family, friends, and the community enable people with Down Syndrome to lead fulfilling and productive lives; and

WHEREAS, the City of Hastings encourages all citizens to work together to promote respect and inclusion of individuals with Down Syndrome and to celebrate their accomplishments and contributions.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Mayor Mary Fasbender of the City of Hastings do hereby declare the month of October 2024, Down Syndrome Awareness Month in the City of Hastings.