



BOROUGH OF DUNMORE

Proclamation

WHEREAS, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention approximately one in every seven hundred children are born annually with Down syndrome.

WHEREAS, in our recent history, the majority of people with Down syndrome were stigmatized and institutionalized, and that history should never be forgotten or repeated, and people with Down syndrome deserve fundamental human and civil rights; and

WHEREAS, the intellectual ability has dramatically increased, and the lifespan has more than doubled for people with Down syndrome since deinstitutionalization; and

WHEREAS, today through the efforts of human and civil rights activists, people with Down syndrome have the right to live at home, attend their local public schools, get appropriate health care, get married, maintain a job, and lead meaningful, integrated lives; and

WHEREAS, Down syndrome is the most frequently occurring chromosomal disorder and is the leading cause of intellectual and developmental delay in the U.S. and in the world; and

WHEREAS, much progress has been made for the people with Down syndrome through the vision and hard work of parents, self-advocates, medical professionals, researchers, educators, and non-profit organizations; and

WHEREAS, through social awareness and educational opportunities, the Mayor, and Borough Council of Dunmore, Lackawanna County supports the initiatives of organizations working to ensure people with Down syndrome have adequate services, are valued by society, and can lead fulfilling and productive lives in our community;

THEREFORE, I as Mayor of the Borough of Dunmore, together with Borough Council, do hereby proclaim **October 20, 2017** as

TOMMY WILLIAMS; DOWN SYNDROME AWARENESS DAY in the Borough.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Borough of Dunmore to be affixed hereto, this **9th day of October, 2017**.

Patrick W. Loughney, Mayor