PROCLAMATION

World Down Syndrome Day 2026

March 21

WHEREAS, World Down Syndrome Day is observed annually on March 21 to raise awareness and promote understanding of Down syndrome, a genetic condition that occurs when an individual is born with an extra copy of chromosome 21; and

WHEREAS, this date—3/21—symbolically represents the triplication of the 21st chromosome, reflecting the unique genetic makeup of individuals with Down syndrome; and

WHEREAS, people with Down syndrome are valued and contributing members of our community, enriching our lives through their talents, determination, compassion, and diverse perspectives; and

WHEREAS, individuals with Down syndrome continue to break barriers in education, employment, the arts, athletics, and civic life, demonstrating that inclusion and opportunity empower people of all abilities to reach their fullest potential; and

WHEREAS, World Down Syndrome Day is a time to advocate for the rights, inclusion, and well-being of people with Down syndrome, and to reaffirm our commitment to ensuring equal access to healthcare, education, employment, and community life;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Brad Richards, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor, do hereby proclaim March 21 as World Down Syndrome Day in the Town of Pouch Cove, and encourage all residents to celebrate the abilities and accomplishments of individuals with Down syndrome, to promote inclusion and acceptance, and to support efforts that advance dignity, respect, and opportunity for all.

THE TOWN COUNCIL OF POUCH COVE INCORPORATED 1970

Mayor Brad Richards

Feb. 24 / 2026

Dated