

On Wed, Nov 16, 2011 at 5:36 PM, Andrew Boys <andrew.boys@ds-int.org> wrote:
Dear friends

Down Syndrome International is delighted to announce that a resolution to designate 21 March as “World Down Syndrome Day”, to be observed every year beginning in 2012, was adopted by consensus during the plenary meeting of the Third Committee of the United Nations General Assembly on Thursday 10 November 2011.

We would like to express our gratitude to all of you who signed our international petition, which was sent to the Chair of the Third Committee of the General Assembly for consideration.

From 2012, the United Nations will invite all its Member States, relevant organisations of the UN system, international organisations, as well as civil society, including non-governmental organisations and the private sector, to observe WDSO and actively raise public awareness of Down syndrome.

This will ensure a major step forward towards our goal for WDSO to be observed and celebrated by persons with Down syndrome, their families and friends, those who live and work with them and all persons who wish to promote and ensure quality of life and human rights for all persons with Down syndrome.

For further information please see our Press Release here <http://www.ds-int.org/news/1769>.

Regards
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