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RESOLUTION NO. 26-18
A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ALPENA COUNTY,
MICHIGAN, DESIGNATING OCTOBER AS DOWN SYNDROME AWARENESS MONTH

District #8
Chairman of the Board
John Kozlowski

WHEREAS, Down syndrome (trisomy 21) is the most common chromosomal condition, occurring in approximately 1 in every 700 births in the United States, across all races, ethnicities, and socio-economic backgrounds; and

District #5
Vice-Chair
Brenda Fournier

WHEREAS, individuals with Down syndrome possess a wide range of unique abilities, talents, and strengths, and they actively enrich our local schools, workplaces, and community organizations; and

District #1
Commissioner
Bill LaHaie

WHEREAS, advances in early intervention, healthcare access, therapeutic services, and inclusive education have allowed individuals with Down syndrome to live longer, healthier, and more independent lives than ever before; and

District #2
Commissioner
Dan Ludlow

WHEREAS, public awareness, education, and advocacy remain vital to breaking down social barriers, correcting misconceptions, and ensuring equal opportunity for individuals with developmental disabilities; and

WHEREAS, Alpena County is firmly committed to promoting principles of inclusion, accessibility, and dignity, ensuring all residents have the necessary support systems to fulfill their potential and achieve their individual goals; and

District #3
Commissioner
Lucille Bray

WHEREAS, since the 1980s, the month of October has been recognized nationally as Down Syndrome Awareness Month to celebrate the achievements of individuals with Down syndrome, their families, and their caregivers;

District #4
Commissioner
Bill Peterson

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Alpena County, Michigan, hereby officially designates October as **Down Syndrome Awareness Month** in Alpena County.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board urges all residents, businesses, and civic organizations to join in celebrating the vital contributions of our neighbors with Down syndrome and to foster an environment of true belonging and opportunity for all.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 13th day of October, 2026.

District #6
Commissioner
Todd Britton

STATE OF MICHIGAN)
County of Alpena)

District #7
Commissioner
Travis Konarzewski

County Administrator
Jesse Osmer

John Kozlowski, Chairman of the Board

I, the undersigned, being duly qualified and acting Clerk of Alpena County, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of certain proceedings taken by the Alpena County Board of Commissioners at a regular meeting held on the 13th day of October 2026, and that notice of said meeting was given in accordance with the Open Meetings Act.

IN TESTIMONY THEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said Court, at Alpena this 13th day of October 2026.

Keri Bertrand, Alpena County Clerk