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**Subject: Rocklin Recognizes World Down Syndrome Day**

The City of Rocklin is proud to join the United Nations and people around the globe in recognition of World Down Syndrome Day on March 21, 2019. A resolution and special presentation will be made at the March 12 Rocklin City Council meeting.

World Down Syndrome Day was created to celebrate the lives of people with Down syndrome and to make sure they have the same freedoms and opportunities as everyone else.

“We all face challenges, but as a community, we can work together to help each person reach their fullest potential and contribute to society using their own unique skills and talents,” Rocklin Mayor Joe Patterson said.

Instead of two copies of Chromosome 21, people with Down syndrome have three copies, which cause varying degrees of disability and associated medical issues. Down syndrome affects approximately one in every 700 babies born in the U.S.

With the right support, people with Down syndrome today can look forward to long, normal lives. Many people with Down syndrome attend mainstream schools, hold full-time jobs, and live full, semi-independent lives.

The City of Rocklin values residents with Down syndrome and is committed to equality. The City designs for inclusion and active participation in current projects and welcomes input and feedback when evaluating existing infrastructure.

Examples include installation of special therapeutic swings that improve accessibility at eight City parks, including Johnson-Springview, Whitney, and Twin Oaks community parks. A new splash pad that will be unveiled later this year at Johnson-Springview Park is also being built to maximize accessibility and fun for children of all abilities.

Community partners such as the Rocklin Unified School District have also made significant strides to assist students with Down syndrome by integrating them into the classroom and supporting innovative programs such as its Unified Sports, where people with and without disabilities compete on the same team.

More information on World Down Syndrome Day can be found at [worlddownsyndromeday2.org](http://worlddownsyndromeday2.org).