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DOWN SYNDROME ASSOCIATION OF GUAM

PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

Wednesday, March 14, 2018- Tamuning, Guam- On Wednesday, March 21st, the Down Syndrome Association of Guam joins the world in celebrating World Down Syndrome Day, a day to raise awareness about Down syndrome and create a single voice for advocating for the rights, inclusion and well-being of individuals with Down syndrome.

Vicky Arriola, President of the Down Syndrome Association of Guam, says, "Individuals with Down syndrome play a vital role in our lives and communities. With this growing movement, our goal is to promote knowledge and understanding. Every day, we celebrate the lives and achievements of individuals with Down syndrome. It is our hope that we can continue to advocate for more resources and support for these individuals who are part of our community and families."

To commemorate World Down Syndrome Day on March 21st, the Down Syndrome Association of Guam will celebrate with a special mass at St. Jude Church in Sinajana at 7:00 p.m. Events will continue with the unveiling of the 'Joy and Inspiration' photo exhibit showcasing children and adults with Down Syndrome taking place on Saturday, March 24th at 6:00pm at the Guam Premier Outlets. The exhibit will remain open through March 31st. An open invitation is extended to the public.

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About World Down Syndrome Day

World Down Syndrome Day was established in 2006 by Down Syndrome International, with the goal of raising awareness and mobilizing support and recognition of the dignity, rights and well-being of people with Down syndrome across the world. March 21, the 21st day of the third month of the year, was chosen to symbolize the third copy of chromosome 21 present in Trisomy 21, the most common form of Down syndrome.

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About DSAG

The Down Syndrome Association of Guam, a nonprofit organization founded in 2001, is committed to promoting awareness and advocacy in the local community. Its primary function is to serve as a support group for parents and families of individuals with Down syndrome to help them enhance their quality of life, realize their potential and become contributing members to the island community.

To learn more about DSAG, visit www.downsydromeguam.org