

MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON

PROCLAMATION NO. 28

Proclaiming September 17, 2025 as Kleefstra Syndrome Awareness Day in Multnomah County, Oregon.

Multnomah County Finds:

- A. Kleefstra syndrome is a newly discovered genetic disorder affecting chromosome 9, with effects that can be similar to those of Down syndrome.
- B. The symptoms of Kleefstra syndrome vary widely in both type and severity, making it difficult to define the disorder with a single description.
- C. Common characteristics of Kleefstra syndrome include developmental delays, intellectual disabilities, severely delayed or absent speech, distinct facial features, and low muscle tone.
- D. The condition was officially recognized as Kleefstra syndrome by Dr. Tjitske Kleefstra in April 2010.
- E. September 17 was chosen as Kleefstra Syndrome Awareness Day because many individuals with the syndrome have a deletion on chromosome 9 at 9q34.3. The 9th month is September, and the 17th letter of the alphabet is "Q."
- F. Since the syndrome is newly identified, awareness and funding for research are limited. Raising awareness can bring attention to the challenges faced by individuals with Kleefstra syndrome, their families, and the medical professionals who support them.
- G. iDefine is a nonprofit organization dedicated to discovering treatments and cures for individuals with intellectual disabilities caused by genetic disorders, including Kleefstra syndrome.

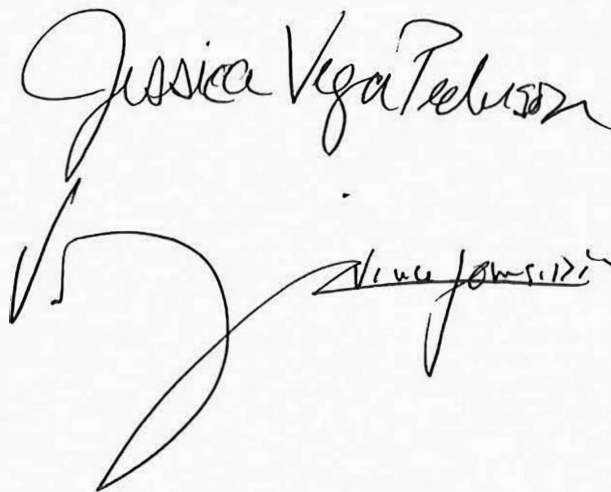
Multnomah County Proclaims:

September 17, 2025, as Kleefstra Syndrome Awareness Day in Multnomah County, Oregon, and encourages our residents to raise awareness by wearing purple.

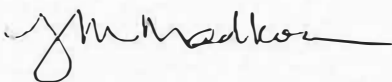
Furthermore, Multnomah County recognizes the strength and perseverance of individuals with Kleefstra syndrome, their families, and community members. We acknowledge that the slower pace of life for those with Kleefstra syndrome requires immense patience and resilience from the entire Ks community.

SIGNED this 3rd day of September, 2025.


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