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**Global health and foreign policy**

## **Resolution adopted by the General Assembly on 29 November 2023**

[without reference to a Main Committee ([A/78/L.12](#))]

### **78/12. World Duchenne Awareness Day**

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* the Universal Declaration of Human Rights,<sup>1</sup> the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights,<sup>2</sup> the Convention on the Rights of the Child<sup>3</sup> and the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities,<sup>4</sup>

*Reaffirming* its resolution [70/1](#) of 25 September 2015, entitled “Transforming our world: the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development”, in which it adopted a wide, far-reaching and people-centred set of universal and transformative Sustainable Development Goals and targets, and its commitment to working tirelessly for the full implementation of the Agenda by 2030, with the endeavour to reach the furthest behind first, including people living with rare diseases,

*Recalling* its resolution [76/132](#) of 16 December 2021,

*Encouraging* Member States and relevant United Nations agencies, in collaboration with relevant stakeholders and organizations, to actively raise awareness on the specific challenges and needs faced by individuals and families in the rare diseases community through national campaigns, educational programmes and information dissemination, with the goal of fostering greater understanding and empathy towards those affected by rare diseases and promoting global solidarity,

*Recognizing* that Duchenne muscular dystrophy is one of the most common paediatric genetic rare diseases,

1. *Decides* to designate 7 September, the current World Duchenne Awareness Day, as a United Nations Day, to be observed every year beginning in 2024;

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<sup>1</sup> Resolution [217 A \(III\)](#).

<sup>2</sup> See resolution [2200 A \(XXI\)](#), annex.

<sup>3</sup> United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 1577, No. 27531.

<sup>4</sup> *Ibid.*, vol. 2515, No. 44910.



2. *Invites all Member States, organizations of the United Nations system and other international and regional organizations, as well as civil society, including non-governmental organizations and individuals, to observe World Duchenne Awareness Day in an appropriate manner.*

*41st plenary meeting  
29 November 2023*

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