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NDSC CONDEMNS THE USE OF SLURS THAT INSULT PEOPLE WITH ID AND CALLS FOR RESPECTFUL LANGUAGE

Cincinnati, OH - In response to the recent uptick in the use of terms such as "mongoloid, moron, imbecile, and retarded" in public dialogue, the National Down Syndrome Congress (NDSC) issues the following statement.

NDSC condemns the use of "mongoloid, moron, imbecile, and retarded" and other words used in the past as medical terms to describe individuals with intellectual disabilities (ID) that are now used as insults. It is disrespectful and dehumanizing to all people with intellectual disabilities to use these terms.

NDSC Executive Director, Jim Hudson, stated, "NDSC works to promote equal rights and opportunities for people with Down syndrome. The use of slurs such as "Mongoloid, moron, imbecile and retarded or retard" is painful to individuals with intellectual disability and their families and sets our movement back decades. We implore people to stop using this derogatory language and treat people with Down syndrome and other disabilities with the respect and dignity they deserve.

About the National Down Syndrome Congress
The National Down Syndrome Congress (NDSC) is a not-for-profit organization dedicated to an improved world for individuals with Down syndrome. Founded in 1973, we are the leading national resource of support and information for anyone touched by or seeking to learn about Down syndrome, from the moment of diagnosis, whether prenatal or at birth, through adulthood.

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