

**PROCLAMATION**

*WHEREAS, Transgender Day of Visibility was founded in 2009 by transgender activist Rachel Crandall, the executive director of Transgender Michigan, to acknowledge and honor the successes achieved by transgender people; and*

*WHEREAS, the City of Olympia celebrates the significant contributions transgender, gender non-conforming and non-binary people make to Olympia and affirms that they are vital members of our community; and*

*WHEREAS, Transgender Day of Visibility provides a forum for transgender communities and allies to raise awareness of the need for visible support and resources for transgender, non-binary and gender nonconforming people and awareness of the persistent transphobic prejudice that permeates our society; and*

*WHEREAS, transgender, gender non-conforming and non-binary community members are business owners, artists, educators, advocates, activists, family members and friends, who deserve to live free from discrimination and harassment of any form; and*

*WHEREAS, the City of Olympia honors the transgender, gender non-conforming, and non-binary people of Olympia for their resilience and activism within our community and acknowledges that work still needs to be done to address anti-transgender violence, particularly at this time when transgender rights and existence is being challenged; and*

*WHEREAS, the City of Olympia recognizes that our transgender and gender diverse community members deserve a safe place to not just survive, but to live and thrive; and*

*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Olympia City, does hereby proclaim March 31, 2024 as the*

**TRANSGENDER DAY OF VISIBILITY**

*and urges all its residents to respect and honor the right of our transgender and gender diverse community members to live openly in an authentic and accurate representation of who they are, free from violence, harassment and discrimination.*

***SIGNED IN THE CITY OF OLYMPIA, WASHINGTON THIS  
NINETEENTH DAY OF MARCH 2024.***

***OLYMPIA CITY COUNCIL***

***Dontae Payne,  
Mayor***