

RESOLUTION

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A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MAPLEWOOD, MISSOURI, DECLARING MARCH 31ST AS THE INTERNATIONAL TRANSGENDER DAY OF VISIBILITY.

WHEREAS, Maplewood will help to lead the way in extending nondiscrimination protections and equal benefits to Trans and non-binary people, including Trans youth throughout our community and in our Maplewood Richmond Heights School District, and we recognize that we must advocate with and for our Trans community to ensure their civil rights and voices are protected and heard; and

WHEREAS, in Maplewood, we believe in the inherent value of each and every resident of our city, including our Trans and non-binary residents and community members, without exception; and

WHEREAS, 1.4 million Americans are transgender and have bravely overcome serious hardships to create and build thriving communities in the face of systemic violence, prejudice and discrimination; and

WHEREAS, while we celebrate visibility, we must also acknowledge the epidemic of violence against Trans people, in particular Black Trans women, and that we, as a community, must work together to end this epidemic and for each Trans person killed or lost this year and in years past we mourn, and we honor their lives, their names and their legacy of bravery; and

WHEREAS, Trans women activists and icons Storme' DeLarverie, Marsha P. Johnson, Miss Major and Syliva Rivera were instrumental in the creation of modern gay rights movement in the United States with the Stonewall Inn Uprising in 1969; and

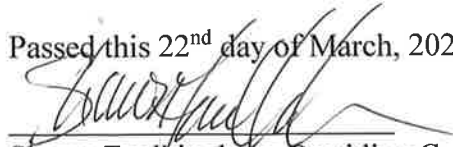
WHEREAS, Trans and non-binary Americans have made profound strides challenging and persevering social and political norms that had forced many to live in secrecy regarding their gender identity; and

WHEREAS, legal victories won by Trans activists have expanded judicial recognition of constitutional protections for gender identity and expression, and provided a greater number of people with the basic protections needed to ensure human dignity and self-determination, but these rights are still not universally guaranteed, with regressive measures still being pursued by the Missouri General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, because of the determined activism and advocacy of Trans people, they are now able to be their true self while serving as religious and educational leaders, participating in athletic competitions, star in film and television, and serve in prominent government positions, countering decades of harmful exclusion.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MAPLEWOOD, MISSOURI, AS FOLLOWS: The City of Maplewood declares March 31st as Transgender Day of Visibility.

Passed this 22nd day of March, 2022



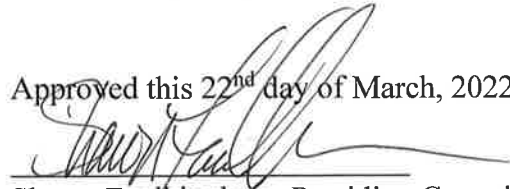
Shawn Faulkingham, Presiding Councilmember

Attest:



Karen Scheidt, Deputy City Clerk

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