



RESOLUTION

CITY OF MINNEAPOLIS - A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

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RECOGNIZING MARCH 31, 2026, AS THE INTERNATIONAL TRANSGENDER DAY OF VISIBILITY

- Whereas: The International Transgender Day of Visibility holiday was founded in 2009 as a reaction to the lack of LGBTQIA+ holidays that celebrate the successes and accomplishments of transgender, non-binary, gender expansive, and gender nonconforming people; and
- Whereas: The City of Minneapolis was the first city in the United States to have an openly transgender person serving as President of the City Council, having just previously made history as the first city in the United States to have two Black, openly transgender council members elected to its body; and
- Whereas: Minneapolis was the first city in the United States to ban discrimination based on Transgender identity, 50 years ago, when it amended its Civil Rights Ordinance in 1975 by adding language banning discrimination based on “having or projecting a self-image not associated with one’s biological maleness or one’s biological femaleness”; and
- Whereas: The City of Minneapolis has continued to make efforts to reduce the significant disparities in employment, healthcare, safety, housing, and access to public spaces, as well as all other areas, largely through the Transgender Issues Work Group, created in 2014, and the Transgender Equity Council, created in 2017; and
- Whereas: In 2014, it’s believed the City of Minneapolis was the first city in the nation to host a City-sponsored Transgender Equity Summit, an event drawing increased participation each year upwards of 400 attendees. In the fall of this year, the City of Minneapolis will proudly host the 11th Trans Equity Summit; and
- Whereas: The Transgender Equity Summit is the result of the collaborative efforts of various City departments, cross governmental partners, community-based organizations, and community members rooted in the LGBTQIA+ communities of Minneapolis; and
- Whereas: The establishment of the Transgender Equity Council, in 2017, a voluntary body comprised mostly of Minneapolis residents, has further enhanced community engagement and participation in the advancement of policies and procedures of the City of Minneapolis that impact the lives of Transgender individuals; and
- Whereas: In 2022 the City of Minneapolis and in 2023 the State of Minnesota issued Executive Orders to protect and support the Rights of Minnesota’s LGBTQIA+ community members to safely seek and receive Gender Affirming Health Care Services, and an accompanying bill was passed at the Legislature. In 2025 a new state law took effect requiring health plans that cover physical or mental health services to also cover medically necessary gender-affirming care; and
- Whereas: Our transgender and gender nonconforming community members both locally and nationally continue to be impacted by the proliferation of executive and legislative attacks that perpetuate a culture of discrimination, harassment, and barriers to equal opportunities for the Transgender community; and
- Whereas: The city rejects and condemns in the strongest possible terms the horrific and discriminatory efforts of the federal government to erase the identity of transgender people and drive them out of public life; and

- Whereas: It is incumbent upon all of us to confront and condemn this harmful rhetoric and physical violence against our transgender, non-binary, gender expansive, and gender non-confirming community members, with intentional focus on trans youth and students who are experiencing group violence in schools; and
- Whereas: In December 2024, City Council funded a LGBTQ2SIA+ Mental Health Program to support the work of a community-based organization that delivers direct, affirming, and holistic mental health services to support the wellbeing of LGBTQ2SIA+ individuals; and
- Whereas: In 2025, the City of Minneapolis awarded a mini-grant to QueerSpace Collective who supported trans youth mental health by reducing social isolation by fostering peer and mentor connections, building resilience through skill-building, and increasing self-confidence by trying new things in a safe and affirming environment; and
- Whereas: In 2025, the City of Minneapolis awarded a mini-grant to the Family Tree Clinic that planned and hosted an event for trans youth to provide them with support and let them know they are cared for and appreciated. They had gender-affirming activities, books and care packages for participants and a local resource directory available; and
- Whereas: On February 19, 2026, the Minneapolis City Council adopted a resolution denouncing the Trump Administration’s attack on gender affirming care for youth; and
- Whereas: The International Transgender Day of Visibility is an annual holiday celebrated around the world that promotes the importance of recognizing and supporting the resilience and strength of our transgender, non-binary, gender expansive, and gender non-confirming community members on this day and every day;

—NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED—

That the Mayor and City Council do hereby honor and recognize March 31, 2026, as a day dedicated to celebrating the accomplishments and victories of transgender, non-binary, gender expansive, and gender non-confirming communities while raising awareness of the work that is still needed to save Trans lives.

Passed this the Ninth Day of April 2026

Elliott Payne, President of the Council

Approved:

Jacob Frey, Mayor

Attest:

Casey Joe Carl, City Clerk