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## CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

### RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING MARCH 31, 2026 AS TRANSGENDER DAY OF VISIBILITY

**WHEREAS,** All genderqueer, non-binary, and transgender people deserve the right to live, be seen and express their gender freely without persecution; *and*

**WHEREAS,** Transgender and non-binary individuals continue to face discrimination and challenges to their fundamental civil rights, including unacceptable acts of violence, especially against transgender women of color; *and*

**WHEREAS,** Transgender Day of Visibility celebrates the joy, strength, and resiliency of transgender people and gender non-binary people around the world who too often risk losing their jobs, relationships, and even their lives simply for being their authentic selves; *and*

**WHEREAS,** Transgender Day of Visibility, an international holiday, was first created by American trans activist Rachel Crandall Crocker, who called on allies and advocates to shift the narrative by celebrating transgender lives in their fullness, including their many contributions to society, while encouraging festivities that honor all transgender individuals and recognize that not everyone in the community can or wants to be visible; *and*

**WHEREAS,** Support for the transgender and gender non-binary community is rooted in the work of grassroots activists; *and*

**WHEREAS,** The current federal administration has taken steps to diminish support for the transgender community, to the detriment of all, which is especially concerning given that transgender individuals have served openly and honorably in the United States Armed Forces for nearly a decade and continue to demonstrate their commitment to defending the Constitution; *and*

**WHEREAS,** In addition to restricting transgender individuals from serving in the military, the federal administration has further undermined the rights of the community by restricting federal funding for gender-affirming care and to providers of said care, limiting participation of transgender women and girls in women's sports, refusing to issue passports accurately representing transgender individuals' gender identities, incarcerating transgender women in men's prisons, and limiting inclusive education in schools; *and*

**WHEREAS,** Community activists in the City of Boston, along with numerous nonprofits and organizations at the city and state levels, continue to work tirelessly to advocate for and protect the rights of transgender people; *and*

**WHEREAS,** Last year, the Boston City Council passed an ordinance establishing the Office of LGBTQIA2S+ Advancement as a permanent part of city government, underscoring the importance of institutionalizing local support in light of federal actions; *and*

**WHEREAS,** Transgender Day of Visibility highlights the trans community and calls for action to address the disproportionate levels of poverty, discrimination, and violence that this community faces; *and*

**WHEREAS,** Transgender individuals contribute to the fabric of the City of Boston by serving their communities, advancing innovation and public health, holding public office, running small businesses, advocating for justice, raising families, and strengthening the social and civic life of our city; **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT**

**RESOLVED:** The Boston City Council hereby recognizes March 31st as Trans Day of Visibility and honors the contributions and achievements of trans people throughout Boston's history and in the present day.

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