



State of New York

Executive Chamber

Proclamation

Whereas, New Yorkers share a vision for a better world for all people, and we join in the observance of International Transgender Day of Visibility to honor transgender, gender non-conforming, and non-binary people for their resilience, activism, and contributions to society and to raise awareness of issues impacting these communities around the world; and

Whereas, we stand alongside our transgender communities of families, friends, co-workers, and neighbors who seek the same rights, equality, and understanding each of us deserves, and on this day we celebrate and support the free and full expression of the many transgender people of our state; and

Whereas, as home to Stonewall, New York State is steeped in the history of Transgender leaders working towards LGBTQ+ equality, and we honor trailblazers, including transgender New Yorkers like Marsha P. Johnson, who played a prominent role in the Stonewall Uprising, stood alongside Sylvia Rivera and other LGBTQ+ activists in the community's fight for equality, and after whom a newly renovated state park in Brooklyn is named and honors; and

Whereas, New York State remains committed to ensuring that all members of the transgender community are free from discrimination and harassment of any form and has taken significant steps to ensure such protection for individuals under New York State's Human Rights Law, as the first state in the nation to issue statewide regulations prohibiting harassment and discrimination on the basis of gender identity, transgender status, or gender dysphoria, and also recently formed a Hate and Bias Prevention Unit within the Division of Human Rights to work specifically on preventing and responding to acts of discrimination or hatred against communities like the transgender community; and

Whereas, New York also continues to make historic progress by establishing programs and policies that support the transgender, non-binary, and gender non-conforming communities and create greater equity for their participation and involvement in society; the creation of the Lorena Borjas Transgender Wellness and Equity Fund will support organizations that provide critical services and build equity for the transgender, gender non-conforming, and non-binary community, and other State initiatives are working to further eliminate social disparities impacting non-binary New Yorkers' full participation in the democratic process, including people seeking and holding elected office; and

Whereas, we will always be unified as one voice against violence toward transgender, gender non-conforming, and non-binary communities and in support of their inalienable rights by expanding protections and increasing their visibility through laws and other measures that support the community, prohibit discrimination, and advance equity and inclusion; and

Whereas, we respect and honor the right of our transgender, gender non-conforming, and non-binary communities to live openly in an authentic and accurate representation of who they are – free from violence, harassment, and prejudice – and, on this International Transgender Day of Visibility, all New Yorkers reaffirm our commitment to stand with and for the rights and dignity of worldwide transgender communities;

Now, Therefore, I, Kathy Hochul, Governor of the State of New York, do hereby proclaim March 31, 2023 as

TRANSGENDER DAY OF VISIBILITY

in the Empire State.



G i v e n under my hand and the Privy Seal of the State at the Capitol in the City of Albany this twenty-eighth day of March in the year two thousand and twenty-three.

Kathy Hochul
Governor

Karen Persichilli Keogh
Secretary to the Governor
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