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## 285-2023

Proclamation

### Proclaim March 31, 2023 to be Transgender Day of Visibility

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Whereas, Transgender, Transmasculine, Transfeminine, Non-binary, Genderqueer, Genderfluid, Two spirit, Agender, and gender non-conforming people have always existed and made important contributions to their communities; and

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Whereas, white supremacy, ableism, anti-Blackness, misogyny and Transphobia are interconnected and depend on the continued violence against Black, Indigenous, and other people of color who are transgender or gender non-conforming, particularly Black transgender women; and

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Whereas, Transgender Day of Visibility is an opportunity for the Portland City Council and the city as a whole to recommit to partnering with the

#### Introduced by

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#### Requested Agenda Type

Regular

#### Date and Time Information

##### Requested Council Date

April 12, 2023

##### Time Requested

20 minutes

community to address our challenges and investing in City infrastructure that furthers this work.

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In Portland and encourage all residents to observe this day.

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## Agenda Items

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