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## 237-2024

Proclamation

### Proclaim March 31, 2024 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

Whereas, Transphobic cultures, including that of the United States, continue to suppress the existence and contributions of transgender and gender non-conforming people; and

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Whereas, houselessness and housing-services providers consistently fail to provide safe, welcoming, and knowledgeable support for Transgender and gender non-conforming people experiencing houselessness; and

Whereas, transgender and gender non-conforming youth are increasingly targeted by anti-LGBTQIA2S+ legislation and policies; and

Whereas, transgender and gender non-conforming youth deserve to participate in sports, to thrive in schools, to see themselves represented on the shelves in libraries, and to be recognized, respected, and affirmed; and

Whereas, among cities in the United States, Portland is home to the second-largest percentage of LGBTQIA2S+ people per capita, including transgender and gender non-conforming people; and

Whereas, the City of Portland strives to make our community safe and empowering for its Transgender and gender non-conforming residents; and

Whereas, the City has not yet succeeded in this endeavor; and

#### Introduced by

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Now, therefore, I, Ted Wheeler, Mayor of the City of Portland, Oregon, the "City of Roses," do hereby proclaim March 31, 2024, to be

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In Portland and encourage all residents to observe this day.

### Documents and Exhibits

 [Proclamation](#)

128.95 KB

(<https://www.portland.gov/sites/default/files/council-documents/2024/transgender-day-of-visibility-proclamation-2024.pdf>)

### Agenda Items

237 Time Certain in [March 20, 2024 Council Agenda](#) (<https://www.portland.gov/council/agenda/2024/3/20>)

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### Requested Agenda Type

Time Certain

### Date and Time Information

**Requested Council Date**

March 20, 2024

**Requested Start Time**

9:45 am

**Time Requested**

30 minutes

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