

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

**A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF  
THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, RETROACTIVELY  
DECLARING MARCH 31, 2021 AS TRANSGENDER DAY OF  
VISIBILITY IN THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH.**

**WHEREAS**, Transgender Day of Visibility (“TDOV”) is held annually on March 31, to celebrate transgender and non-binary people around the globe and acknowledge the courage it takes to live openly and authentically; and

**WHEREAS**, TDOV recognizes the generations of struggle, activism, and courage of trailblazing activists whose work has given countless transgender and non-binary individuals the bravery to live openly and authentically in the United States and around the world; and

**WHEREAS**, this hard-fought progress is also shaping an increasingly accepting world in which peers at school, teammates and coaches on the playing field, colleagues at work, and allies in every corner of society are standing in support and solidarity with the transgender community; and

**WHEREAS**, however, in spite of our progress in advancing civil rights for LGBTQ+ Americans, too many transgender people — adults and youth alike — still face systemic barriers to freedom and equality; and

**WHEREAS**, over the last few years, there has been a disturbing proliferation of anti-trans bills, targeting transgender and nonbinary people for discrimination, such as by barring or criminalizing healthcare for transgender youth, barring access to the use of appropriate facilities like restrooms, restricting transgender students’ ability to fully participate in school and sports, allowing religiously-motivated discrimination against trans people, or making it more difficult for trans people to get identification documents with their name and gender; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2021 alone, twenty-eight (28) states have proposed one or more invidious bills targeting transgender people; and

**WHEREAS**, transgender Americans of all ages face high rates of violence, harassment, and discrimination; nearly one in three transgender Americans have experienced homelessness at some point in life; many transgender Americans continue to face discrimination in employment, housing, health care, and public accommodations; and the on-going crisis of violence against transgender women, especially transgender women of color, is a stain on our Nation’s conscience; and

**WHEREAS**, despite facing significant cultural, legal and economic challenges, transgender and non-binary people continue to bravely share their stories, boldly claim their seats at the table and tirelessly push equality forward; and

**WHEREAS**, in an effort to not forget those who still feel invisible even in their own communities and who may live every day with fear of discrimination or violence, the City must continuously strive to fight for a world where every transgender and non-binary person is respected and protected.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT DULY RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA** that the Mayor and the City Commission hereby retroactively declare March 31, 2021 as Transgender Day of Visibility in the City of Miami Beach.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2021.

Attest:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Dan Gelber, Mayor

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Rafael E. Granado, City Clerk

(Sponsored by Mayor Dan Gelber)

APPROVED AS TO  
FORM & LANGUAGE  
& FOR EXECUTION

  
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City Attorney *FA*

4-13-21  
Date