

PROCLAMATION

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF SAN MATEO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA
DESIGNATING MARCH 31, 2025 AS

TRANSGENDER DAY OF VISIBILITY

WHEREAS, Transgender Day of Visibility is observed on March 31 of each year to honor transgender and gender non-conforming people – adults and youth alike, to raise awareness about the discrimination faced by transgender and gender non-conforming people worldwide and to recognize the extraordinary courage and resilience it takes for them to live openly and authentically; and

WHEREAS, Transgender Day of Visibility was founded in 2009 by Michigan-based transgender activist Rachel Crandall to acknowledge and celebrate members of the transgender gender non-conforming community in all of their diversity; and

WHEREAS, transgender gender non-conforming community members are present and integral in all segments of our society and yet, many of them remain invisible due to the pre-existing and increasing threat and fear of discrimination and violence; and

WHEREAS, this day helps to raise the visibility of transgender and gender non-conforming people who demonstrate strength and resilience in their daily lives, and also serves to heighten awareness of the need for elected officials, community and faith leaders, employers, educators, medical providers, law enforcement, and media to address the challenges faced by these individuals and create a more welcoming, safe, and inclusive community for everyone; and

WHEREAS, the growing number of transgender and gender non-conforming residents and their loved ones in the County of San Mateo are being honored and recognized today in this public forum for their courage and critical contribution to our diverse community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Mateo, State of California, hereby designates March 31, 2025 as Transgender Day of Visibility in San Mateo County, and, in furtherance of that designation, hereby directs that the Transgender Flag be raised at County Center for the rest of the month of March and invites all residents to participate in related activities and events.

Dated: March 25, 2025

SUPERVISORS:

DAVID J CANEPA, President

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Attest: _____
Deputy Clerk of the Board of Supervisors