

Proclamation

TRANSGENDER DAY OF VISIBILITY

WHEREAS, Transgender Day of Visibility was started in 2009 by trans elder and activist Rachel Crandall-Crocker in response to the lack of visibility for transgender people and the focus of that limited public attention on violence and cruelty against transgender people; and

WHEREAS, Crandall-Crocker aspired to create an occasion for the transgender community to come together in joy and celebration of their resilience and their living achievements; and

WHEREAS, the transgender community includes all those whose gender does not align with the sex they were assigned at birth, including many non-binary and third gender people; and

WHEREAS, transgender people have existed in all human societies across time, including those which welcomed them and those which did not have names for them; and

WHEREAS, there are at least 1.6 million transgender individuals in the United States, or around 1.5% of the population, according to a 2022 study from the Williams Institute at UCLA Law School; and

WHEREAS, Black, Indigenous, and Latinx people are more likely to identify as transgender, according to the same study, and transgender people of color are at the forefront of movements for LGBTQ+ equality; and

WHEREAS, the percentage of younger people identifying as transgender has increased as visibility provides them with examples of transgender adults living openly and achieving success in a wide variety of pursuits; and

WHEREAS, 94% of those who pursued a social or medical transition reported that they were more satisfied with their lives, according to the Early Insights report of the groundbreaking US Trans Survey conducted in 2022 by the National Center for Transgender Equality; and

WHEREAS, transgender youths who have socially transitioned and are supported in their gender identity by their families have comparable mental health to the general population, according to research published in the journal of the American Academy of Pediatrics in 2016; and

WHEREAS, transgender people are well represented among the outstanding inventors (Lynn Conway, Sophie Wilson), artists (Laverne Cox, Willmer Broadnax), scientists (Rebecca Oppenheimer, Ben Barres), and advocates (Marsha P. Johnson, Kylar Broadus) of the 20th and 21st centuries; and

WHEREAS, young transgender people are succeeding in fields as varied as chemistry (Kat Muloma), poetry (Kemi Alabi), and politics (Zooey Zephyr); and

WHEREAS, in the face of ignorance and oppression, transgender people continue to show the world that they not only exist but persist and thrive; and

WHEREAS, nothing the governments of the United States or of the state of North Carolina, or the officers thereof, attempt to do will change these facts; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Carrboro stands with, celebrates, and defends its transgender residents and employees, and supports the mission of the International Transgender Day of Visibility.

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Barbara M. Foushee, Mayor of the Town of Carrboro, do hereby proclaim Tuesday, March 31st, 2026 as “Transgender Day of Visibility” in the Town of Carrboro. I ask all residents of Carrboro to celebrate our transgender community, to educate ourselves about the contributions of transgender people, and support our transgender community’s efforts to achieve equity and full inclusion in our society; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Transgender Pride Flag be flown at Town Hall from Friday, March 27th through Thursday, April 2nd in honor of the holiday.

This the 17th day of March, 2026.


Barbara M. Foushee

