

# City of San Rafael

Proclamation Recognizing

## March 31<sup>st</sup> as Transgender Day of Visibility

- WHEREAS, Marin County is home to many Transgender (trans) and nonbinary people who make important contributions to our economic, cultural and civic vitality; and
- WHEREAS, trans and nonbinary people face stigma, lack of understanding, and discrimination based on gender identity and expression, often on a daily basis; and
- WHEREAS, this stigma erects barriers in nearly every facet of life, denying trans and nonbinary people the opportunity to succeed and be accepted as their true selves; and
- WHEREAS, bringing visibility to the positive impact trans and nonbinary people bring to our community, locally, nationally, and internationally, will increase understanding and respect; and
- WHEREAS, on March 31, 2009, in response to the lack of positive recognition of trans people by the cisgender lesbian, gay and bisexual community, trans activist Rachel Crandall started the International Transgender Day of Visibility to bring trans and nonbinary people together and celebrate their contributions to society, as well as raise awareness of discrimination faced by trans and gender non-conforming people; and
- WHEREAS, now celebrated internationally, the International Transgender Day of Visibility is extremely meaningful to the trans and nonbinary community, acknowledging the courage it takes to live openly and authentically, and validating their experiences; and
- WHEREAS, Transgender individuals' contributions and achievements deserve to be visible and enjoy our respect and appreciation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and City Council of the City of San Rafael recognizes March 31<sup>st</sup> annually as Transgender Day of Visibility in the City of San Rafael.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of San Rafael to be affixed this 11<sup>th</sup> day of March, in the year two thousand and twenty-one.



*Kate Colin*

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Mayor