

WHEREAS; observed annually on March 31, International Transgender Day of Visibility is a day to celebrate the countless contributions that transgender and non-binary people have made worldwide and to affirm their strength, resilience, and perseverance in the face of adversity; and

WHEREAS; transgender and non-binary individuals around the world have worked to overcome discrimination on the basis of gender, race, sexuality, identity, class, and more for generations, combating social stigma, demanding visibility, and working tirelessly toward equality and fairness for all people; and

WHEREAS; there was a significant increase in anti-LGBTQ legislation in 2023, with over 400 bills introduced nationwide—including in Wisconsin—that targeted transgender individuals, specifically youth, underscoring the importance of combatting hateful rhetoric, protecting transgender and nonbinary youth, and ensuring that all LGBTQ people are treated equitably and with dignity under both the law and in their daily lives; and

WHEREAS; every day, transgender and non-binary Wisconsinites lead by example, empowering individuals across the state to embrace who they are, be true to themselves, and live their most authentic and fulfilling lives; and

WHEREAS; while progress has been made, there is still much more work to be done to ensure that transgender and non-binary Wisconsinites can stand boldly in their truth without fear of persecution, hate, violence, or discrimination; and

WHEREAS; today, the state of Wisconsin celebrates transgender and non-binary Wisconsinites, recognizes diversity is an asset to our communities, and reaffirms the state's commitment to ensuring that Wisconsin is a safe, inclusive, and welcoming place for all those who call it home;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,  
do hereby proclaim March 31 2024 as

## **TRANSGENDER DAY OF VISIBILITY**

throughout the State of Wisconsin and I commend this observance  
to all our state's residents.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Wisconsin to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Madison this 4th day of March 2024.



TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:



SARAH GODLEWSKI, Secretary of State