

# Proclamation

## CITY OF ORLANDO - OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

- WHEREAS,** the City of Orlando prides itself in being a welcoming, affirming and inclusive city for all residents, including ALL members of the LGBTQ+ community; and
- WHEREAS,** the transgender community is recognized as a valued, important segment of our city and its members are working for greater understanding and inclusion both in society and the workplace; and
- WHEREAS,** the transgender community is striving for increased support and awareness of diverse gender identities, free from hate, violence and discrimination; and
- WHEREAS,** March 31 is recognized as International Transgender Day of Visibility around the globe to celebrate transgender and non-binary people - who contribute to every aspect of our society - and acknowledge the courage it takes to live openly and authentically. The day is also an opportunity to raise awareness around discrimination and hatred that transgender people still face; and
- WHEREAS,** the transgender community in The City Beautiful deserves our recognition and praise and the City of Orlando will mark the occasion by raising the Transgender Pride flag for the first time at Orlando City Hall, and the iconic Lake Eola Park fountain will be lit in the Transgender Pride flag colors; and
- WHEREAS,** on this date, we also reaffirm our commitment to make Orlando an even more welcoming and inclusive community and to continue the work to ensure that every resident in our city feels equally valued and equally protected and has equitable access to opportunities to help them thrive;

**NOW, THEREFORE, WE, Buddy Dyer, Mayor of the City of Orlando;** Jim Gray, District 1 City Commissioner; Tony Ortiz, District 2 City Commissioner; Robert F. Stuart, District 3 City Commissioner; Patty Sheehan, District 4 City Commissioner; Regina I. Hill, District 5 City Commissioner; and Bakari F. Burns, District 6 City Commissioner; hereby do proclaim March 31, 2021, as

**“International Transgender Day of Visibility”**





*IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we hereunto have set our hands and caused the Seal of the City of Orlando to be affixed this 31<sup>st</sup> day of March 2021.*

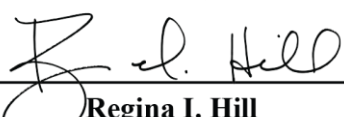
  
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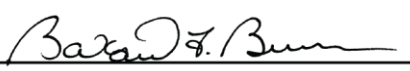
  
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