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Whereas, transgender, gender non-conforming, and two-spirit individuals deserve full equality under the law, and additionally in the hearts and minds of all in the greater Portland community; and

Whereas, a means of achieving full equality is through visibility of this community and collaborative action towards remedying their concerns;

Whereas, the first steps towards remedying the trans community's concerns is acknowledging their shared struggles and successes, confronting this city and others' role in historically ignoring said struggles and successes, and committing to a more productive and mutually-beneficial future; and

Whereas, Portland is home to the second largest percentage per capita of LGBTQ+ individuals in the United States, who each deserve to have their humanity and needs recognized; and

Whereas, Portland strives to be a safe harbor for the transgender community that finds itself vulnerable to attacks in an increasingly transphobic political climate, acutely felt by black, brown, and indigenous transgender women; and

Whereas, this body seeks to demonstrate its commitment to addressing the historic and foundational causes of housing instability in the transgender community by acting towards solutions explicitly advocated by and for the community itself; and against hate crimes and violence based on sexual orientation and gender identity;

Whereas, Portland Values are those of acceptance, diversity, equality, and love; and

Whereas, transgender Day of Visibility is an opportunity to learn and confront issues often ignored, by people often silenced, in a setting often inaccessible; and

Whereas, Transgender Day of Visibility is an opportunity for our community to affirm to all transgender individuals, particularly transgender youth, their identities are valid, their struggles are recognized, and their achievements are celebrated

Now, therefore, I, Ted Wheeler, Mayor of the City of Portland, Oregon, the "City of Roses," Do hereby proclaim
March 31, 2020,

Transgender Day of Visibility
In Portland and encourage all residents to observe this day.

