

Proclamation

Transgender Day of Visibility *March 31, 2023*

WHEREAS, *Transgender Day of Visibility* recognizes the generations of struggle, activism, and courage that have brought our community closer to full equality for transgender and gender-diverse non-binary people in Redwood City and across the world; and

WHEREAS, Redwood City honors and celebrates the achievements and resiliency of transgender individuals and communities, as their trailblazing work has given countless transgender individuals the bravery to live openly and authentically; and

WHEREAS, this hard-fought progress is also shaping an increasingly accepting world in which peers at school, teammates and coaches on the playing field, colleagues at work, and allies in every corner of society are standing in support and solidarity with the transgender community; and

WHEREAS, in spite of our progress, transgender Americans are over four times more likely to experience acts of violence, harassment, and discrimination, with one in three transgender Americans having experienced homelessness at some point; and

WHEREAS, with Equity as the City's top guiding principle, Redwood City is committed to ending discrimination and delivering freedom and equality for all; and

WHEREAS, Redwood City is proud to celebrate **Transgender Day of Visibility** alongside barrier-breaking public servants who are able to proudly and openly serve their communities; and

WHEREAS, today we celebrate together with transgender Americans across the nation and advance our efforts to stop discrimination and bolster inclusion for transgender Americans in housing, policymaking, and services we provide for the Redwood City community and beyond.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT I, JEFF GEE, MAYOR OF REDWOOD CITY, on behalf of the City Council and the people of the City of Redwood City, do hereby proclaim March 31, 2023 as *Transgender Day of Visibility* in Redwood City and urge all community members to join us in uplifting the worth and dignity of every transgender person to achieve full equality.

Date: March 13, 2023



Jeff Gee, Mayor

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