



A PROCLAMATION OF THE CITY OF KIRKLAND

Transgender Day of Visibility March 31, 2026

WHEREAS, in 2009, Rachel Crandall Crocker (she/her), a psychotherapist and executive director of the nonprofit advocacy group Transgender Michigan, created International Transgender Day of Visibility to celebrate the lives of transgender people throughout the world; and

WHEREAS, Crocker recognized that, while Transgender Day of Remembrance honors the memory of the transgender people whose lives were lost to senseless violence, transphobia, self-harm, and structural inequities, celebrating a Transgender Day of Visibility would uplift the joy of transgender, non-binary, and gender expansive people who are still alive; and

WHEREAS, Transgender Day of Visibility is an opportunity for transgender, non-binary, and gender expansive people to feel seen through positive and realistic representation and for allies to learn more about how they can stand in solidarity; and

WHEREAS, transgender, non-binary, and gender expansive community members are our neighbors, business owners, artists, advocates, activists, family members, and friends, who deserve to live free from discrimination and harassment of any form; and

WHEREAS, the City honors the transgender, non-binary, and gender expansive people of Kirkland for their resilience and activism within our community, and the City acknowledges that work still needs to be done to address transphobic violence, particularly at this time when transgender rights and existence are being challenged throughout our country and world; and

WHEREAS, allies can show solidarity through silencing further harm with continued support beyond Pride Month through sustained year-round efforts; normalizing pronoun usage; and promoting the significant contributions to the world made by 2SLGBTQAI+ individuals; and

WHEREAS, the City welcomes and celebrates queer and transgender individuals, affirming their right and dignity to live authentically, safely, and without fear of discrimination or harm.

NOW, THEREFORE, Mayor Kelli Curtis, on behalf of the Kirkland City Council, proclaims March 31, 2026, as Transgender Day of Visibility in the City of Kirkland, and invites our community to celebrate the lives of transgender, non-binary, and gender expansive people everywhere to foster a more equitable and inclusive community.

Signed this 17th day of March, 2026

Kelli Curtis, Mayor