

Proclamation

International Transgender Visibility Day

***WHEREAS,** International Transgender Visibility Day was founded in 2009 to acknowledge and honor the successes achieved by transgender people by U.S. Based transgender activist Rachel Crandall, a licensed psychotherapist and the Executive Director of Transgender Michigan; and*

***WHEREAS,** Organizations across the world celebrate International Transgender Visibility Day as an annual day to celebrate the accomplishments and victories of transgender and gender non-conforming people while raising awareness of the work still needed to save transgender lives; and*

***WHEREAS,** International Transgender Visibility Day is intended to recognize and celebrate the work being done by transgender advocacy groups as they fight for dignity and equal rights for members of the transgender community, to build inclusive and healing spaces, and to protect and defend those who are most vulnerable; and*

***WHEREAS,** Thurston County recognizes the significant contributions made by transgender people and affirms they are vital members of our community.*

***NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** the Board of Thurston County Commissioners hereby proclaims March 31st as International Transgender Visibility Day in Thurston County and urge residents to honor the lives of those lost through participation in community service and remembrance ceremonies.*

Adopted this 14th day of March 2023
BOARD OF HEALTH