



# State of New York

## Executive Chamber

### Proclamation

**Whereas**, New Yorkers share a vision for a better world for all people, and are committed to fostering an awareness of the basic human elements that serve to unite us as a society; each year on March 31st, the world observes Transgender Day of Visibility to raise awareness of issues impacting transgender, gender non-conforming, and non-binary people and to honor these communities for their resilience, activism, and countless contributions to society; and

**Whereas**, our transgender communities include our family members, friends, co-workers, and neighbors who seek the same rights, equality, and understanding each of us deserves, and on this day we join to celebrate and stand with the many transgender people of our state in support of their free and full expression; and

**Whereas**, as a champion of social, civil, and human rights – and as home to Stonewall – New York State is steeped in the history of the LGBTQ+ movement; we commemorate the events that took place at the Stonewall Inn in June 1969, led by transgender women of color leaders and other courageous pioneers who helped empower and energize hundreds of thousands of people – and beginning a wave of activism around the world – in a unified voice of outcry against violence toward these communities and in support of their inalienable rights; and

**Whereas**, New York State remains committed to ensuring that all members of the transgender community are free from discrimination and harassment of any form and has taken significant steps to ensure such protection for individuals under New York State's Human Rights Law, as the first state in the nation to issue statewide regulations prohibiting harassment and discrimination on the basis of gender identity, transgender status, or gender dysphoria; and

**Whereas**, New York State continues to strengthen its commitment to equality and safety for everyone and to build a state that is welcoming to all by expanding protections for the transgender community and increasing visibility for trans, gender non-conforming, and non-binary New Yorkers through laws and other measures that support the community, prohibit discrimination, and advance equity and inclusion; and

**Whereas**, New York is a state for all people – one where our transgender, gender non-conforming, and non-binary people communities are fully accepted and embraced, and we respect and honor their right to live openly in an authentic and accurate representation of who they are, and free of violence, harassment, and discrimination; on this Transgender Day of Visibility we reaffirm our commitment to always stand with and for the rights and dignity of our transgender communities;

**Now, Therefore**, I, Kathy Hochul, Governor of the State of New York, do hereby proclaim March 31, 2022 as

## TRANSGENDER DAY OF VISIBILITY

in the Empire State.



**G i v e n** under my hand and the Privy Seal of the State  
at the Capitol in the City of Albany this thirty-first day  
of March in the year two thousand and twenty-two.

*Kathy Hochul*  
Governor

*[Signature]*

Secretary to the Governor  
Karen Persichilli Keogh