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SENATE RESOLUTION 25-008

101 **CONCERNING THE DESIGNATION OF MARCH 31, 2025, AS**
102 **"TRANSGENDER DAY OF VISIBILITY" IN COLORADO, AND, IN**
103 **CONNECTION THEREWITH, ACKNOWLEDGING THE COUNTLESS**
104 **CONTRIBUTIONS THAT TRANSGENDER PEOPLE HAVE MADE IN**
105 **HISTORY AND TO CONTEMPORARY SOCIETY, AND COMMITTING**
106 **TO DEFEND THE RIGHTS OF TRANSGENDER PEOPLE.**

1 WHEREAS, Transgender Day of Visibility is observed annually
2 on March 31 to celebrate the lives, resilience, and contributions of
3 transgender people and to uplift their ongoing struggle for dignity, safety,
4 and equity; and

5 WHEREAS, The day was founded in 2009 by transgender
6 advocate Rachel Crandall-Crocker to honor living members of the
7 transgender community and create space for celebration, not just
8 remembrance; and

9 WHEREAS, In recent years, transgender people in Colorado and
10 across the country have faced an alarming increase in attacks on their
11 rights, health care, safety, and visibility, including coordinated political

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1 efforts that seek to erase transgender existence from public life; and

2 WHEREAS, These attacks have increasingly targeted transgender
3 youth and their families, banned access to life-saving medical care,
4 undermined inclusive education, and incited dangerous levels of
5 misinformation, mob mentalities, and violence; and

6 WHEREAS, The same harmful mentalities and policy tactics are
7 being used to target immigrant communities, reproductive rights, and
8 marginalized groups--fueled by fear, disinformation, and a need to
9 dehumanize others; and

10 WHEREAS, The interconnected struggles of communities under
11 attack reaffirm the solidarity between transgender people and immigrants,
12 who are both being scapegoated and silenced by efforts that attempt to
13 divide us and weaken their shared power; and

14 WHEREAS, Transgender people have existed across cultures and
15 history, including in Indigenous traditions that recognize gender-diverse
16 and Two-Spirit people as integral to the community; and

17 WHEREAS, In Colorado, transgender people serve as educators,
18 caregivers, organizers, artists, entrepreneurs, faith leaders, public
19 servants, and more, contributing to the success, and well-being of our
20 state in every sector; and

21 WHEREAS, Colorado holds a unique place in the history of
22 gender-affirming care in the United States, with the town of Trinidad
23 serving as a critical access point from 1969 to 2010, where Dr. Stanley
24 Biber provided gender-affirming surgeries to thousands of transgender
25 people when few options for this care existed elsewhere; and

26 WHEREAS, This legacy--rooted in rural southern
27 Colorado--underscores the long-standing resilience of transgender
28 communities in Colorado and the urgent, ongoing need for
29 compassionate, affirming, and accessible health care; and

30 WHEREAS, Colorado has led the nation in affirming LGBTQ+
31 rights, expanding access to gender-affirming care, and protecting the
32 autonomy and privacy of transgender individuals and their families; and

33 WHEREAS, Visibility alone cannot guarantee safety or freedom,

1 but it is a powerful tool to affirm humanity, resist erasure, and inspire
2 collective action--and while not all transgender people can or wish to be
3 visible, all deserve safety, dignity, and respect; and

4 WHEREAS, The Colorado General Assembly is committed to
5 ensuring that transgender Coloradans--especially transgender Black,
6 Indigenous, disabled, undocumented, and youth--can live, work, thrive,
7 and lead with joy and without fear; now, therefore,

8 *Be It Resolved by the Senate of the Seventy-fifth General Assembly*
9 *of the State of Colorado:*

10 (1) That we, the Colorado Senate, hereby designate March 31 of
11 each year as "Transgender Day of Visibility" in Colorado to honor the
12 strength, brilliance, and contributions of transgender people in our
13 communities;

14 (2) That we stand in active solidarity with transgender people and
15 all communities targeted by efforts to undermine human rights and bodily
16 autonomy, including immigrants, people of color, and those living at the
17 intersections of systemic oppression;

18 (3) That we affirm our commitment to defending the rights of
19 transgender people in all aspects of life, including health care, education,
20 employment, housing, civic participation, and freedom of expression;

21 (4) That we acknowledge Colorado's legacy as a historic leader in
22 access to gender-affirming care and reaffirm our commitment to continue
23 leading the nation in equitable, accessible, and affirming health care for
24 all transgender people; and

25 (5) That we encourage all Coloradans to recognize and uplift
26 transgender people, and to build a state where everyone--no matter their
27 gender identity or expression--can thrive, be visible on their own terms,
28 and be fully free.

29 *Be It Further Resolved*, That copies of this Resolution be sent to
30 Representative Brianna Titone, Representative Lorena Garcia, and Jax
31 Gonzalez, political director at One-Colorado.