

SENATE RESOLUTION

8642

By Senators Dhingra, C. Wilson, Riccelli, Pedersen, Hasegawa, Kauffman, Ramos, Krishnadasan, Llias, Stanford, Robinson, Saldaña, Cortes, Trudeau, Frame, Bateman, Wellman, Valdez, Slatter, Lovick, Orwall, Alvarado, Chapman, Conway, and Shewmake

1 WHEREAS, Washington state acknowledges and honors the rich
2 tapestry of its people, recognizing that our diversity is a
3 cornerstone of our collective strength and that Washington has a
4 long-standing tradition of upholding the dignity, safety, and rights
5 of the individual; and

6 WHEREAS, Washington state supports equal treatment and access for
7 all people, regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity and
8 expression, and believes in the values of equity and belonging for
9 all people; and

10 WHEREAS, We affirm that transgender, nonbinary, and gender-
11 diverse individuals have always been integral to our communities,
12 contributing to our shared history, culture, and the continued
13 advancement of equity, equality, and justice; and

14 WHEREAS, Throughout history, transgender and gender-diverse
15 individuals have been present in all cultures and societies. Gender
16 diversity has existed for all time; woven into the fabric of human
17 existence across cultures, geographies, and generations. As we
18 observe Transgender Day of Visibility, we affirm that transgender,
19 nonbinary, and gender-diverse people have always been here, not as an
20 exception to history, but as an essential and enduring part of it;
21 and

22 WHEREAS, Washington state has been at the forefront of advancing
23 transgender rights, enacting anti-discrimination protections,

1 ensuring equal treatment in employment, housing, and public
2 accommodations. These milestones reflect our state's continued
3 commitment to ensuring transgender people can live openly,
4 safely, and with dignity—fostering a sense of belonging and
5 community in every space; and

6 WHEREAS, Transgender Day of Visibility aims to uplift and
7 celebrate the lives and accomplishments of the transgender
8 community, while also recognizing the resilience and strength it
9 takes to thrive in the face of ongoing discrimination and
10 systemic barriers; and

11 WHEREAS, Transgender and gender-nonconforming individuals
12 deserve to have not only the barriers they face acknowledged but
13 also their brilliance, creativity, joy, and leadership
14 celebrated; and

15 WHEREAS, On this Transgender Day of Visibility, we celebrate
16 the brilliance, creativity, and joy that transgender, nonbinary,
17 and gender-diverse individuals bring to our communities. Their
18 contributions enrich our culture, strengthen our economy, and
19 enhance the social fabric, growing diversity, and prosperity of
20 our state; and

21 WHEREAS, Washingtonians are encouraged to observe this day
22 and uplift their transgender, nonbinary, and gender-diverse
23 family, friends, neighbors, and community members, focusing on
24 their strength, resilience, and accomplishments beyond the
25 adversity and into the joy of their existence; and

26 WHEREAS, We acknowledge the challenges that persist in
27 creating a safe, inclusive, and equitable environment for all.
28 The Senate honors their identities, experiences, and the joy
29 they bring to our collective community;

30 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State
31 Senate honor Transgender Day of Visibility and acknowledge the
32 contributions made by the transgender community to our state.

33 I, Sarah Bannister, Secretary of the Senate,
34 do hereby certify that this is a true and
35 correct copy of Senate Resolution 8642,
36 adopted by the Senate

1 March 31, 2025

2 SARAH BANNISTER

3 Secretary of the Senate