

COLUMBIA HEIGHTS

PROCLAMATION

Recognizing Transgender Day of Visibility: March 31, 2026

Transgender Day of Visibility honors the memory, resilience, and courage of transgender people in Columbia Heights and around the world.

This annual day provides an opportunity for transgender, non-binary, and gender-nonconforming individuals and their allies to raise awareness about the challenges they face, while also recognizing their strength, contributions, and vibrant presence in our community.

Transgender community members experience disproportionately high levels of discrimination, violence, unemployment, and barriers to healthcare. These inequities must be addressed through action, policy, and unwavering support.

This day is a time to recognize, uplift, and celebrate transgender, gender non-conforming, and non-binary individuals who enrich our city with their talents, leadership, and advocacy. Columbia Heights honors and appreciates those who work tirelessly for equity and justice, ensuring that all people – regardless of gender identity or expression – are treated with dignity, respect, and love.

Columbia Heights strives to be a city that actively supports, embraces, and uplifts our transgender community, affirming that everyone deserves to live authentically and without fear.

Now, therefore, I, Amáda Márquez Simula, Mayor of Columbia Heights, do hereby proclaim March 31, 2026, as **TRANSGENDER DAY OF VISIBILITY** in Columbia Heights and encourage all residents to celebrate, support, and stand in solidarity with our transgender community.

Amáda Márquez Simula, Mayor
March 23, 2026