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MOTION BY SUPERVISOR JANICE HAHN

Motion to Proclaim March 31, 2026 as “International Transgender Day of Visibility

This year, more than ever, the transgender community is scapegoated, villainized, and targeted with hate. This puts this community, already vulnerable, at risk for immense harm and trauma. Though transgender people represent nearly a quarter of a million adults in California, a likely undercount, they are significantly overrepresented in the legal, child welfare, and the housing systems. Roughly one out of six transgender people report being incarcerated in their lifetime. Transgender and gender-diverse youth constitute for 30% of youth in foster care due to family rejection, abuse, or neglect. Homelessness for the transgender and gender-diverse individuals continue to increase - in some areas over 200%.

The federal administration has put forward harmful policy directives and changes that overwhelmingly and negatively impacts the transgender and gender-diverse communities such as re-defining sex as an unchangeable, binary classification; removal of gender identity; passport and identity document restrictions; barring transgender individuals from using government-funded, single sex facilities that align with their gender identity; defunding gender-affirming care and banning federal Medicaid and Medicare reimbursements for that care for minors; cutting federal funding to schools that support the social transition of transgender students; restricting schools from keeping a child’s transgender identity confidential; reinstating the ban of transgender service members; the threat of denying retirement benefits for long-serving transgender members of the

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military; placing transgender people in prisons and detention facilities in accordance with their sex assigned at birth, not by their identity putting them at risk; cutting off access to hormone therapy for transgender prisoners; stopping the use of the Prison Rape Elimination Act standards which were specifically designed to protect transgender and intersex incarcerated people from sexual violence, and the list goes on.

Since 2009, we proclaim March 31st as International Transgender Day of Visibility (TDOV) to actively celebrate the lives and accomplishments of the transgender community. A sharp contrast to Transgender Day of Remembrance when we honor the memories of transgender, non-binary, and gender-non-confirming people who were lost to anti-transgender violence.

Los Angeles County (County) and the Board of Supervisors (Board) actively show their support for the transgender, gender non-conforming, and intersex residents by opposing these anti-transgender policies, ensuring that County services and resources are inclusive; and standing firm against discrimination and hate.

I, **THEREFORE, MOVE** that the Board of Supervisors proclaim March 31, 2026 as International Transgender Day of Visibility (TDOV).

I, **FURTHER, MOVE** that the Board of Supervisors direct County Communications to work with the LGBTQ+ Commission to share resources and services provided by relevant County Departments and its partners for the transgender community on the County websites and social media, noting language inclusivity and cultural sensitivity and competency.

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