



PROCLAMATION

THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH

- WHEREAS** the City of Miami Beach prides itself in being a welcoming, affirming, and inclusive city for all residents, including all members of the LGBTQI+ community; and,
- WHEREAS** in our vibrant city, the LGBTQI+ community and allies unite to celebrate, advocate for, protect, educate, and empower residents who have historically been marginalized; and,
- WHEREAS** the City of Miami Beach recognizes the importance of GLSEN's Rise Up Campaign in championing the rights and well-being of all students, including those who identify as LGBTQI+; and,
- WHEREAS** the City of Miami Beach supports the goals and ideals of GLSEN's 2023 – 2024 Rise Up campaign in its call to action, demanding equal educational opportunity, basic civil rights protections, and freedom for all students, including LGBTQI+ young people in K – 12 schools; and,
- WHEREAS** our community's schools should be safe learning environments that include and affirm all children, including LGBTQI+ students; and,
- WHEREAS** young people who develop in positive school climates, free of bullying, harassment, and discrimination, report greater physical and psychological safety, greater mental well-being, and improved educational and life outcomes; and,
- WHEREAS** the City of Miami Beach acknowledges the importance of providing equitable access to opportunities for all residents to help them thrive and grow, as championed by GLSEN's Rise Up Campaign; and,
- WHEREAS** the City of Miami Beach supports GLSEN's Rise Up campaign and their efforts to ensure the best possible future for all young people in schools, including those who identify as LGBTQ+.

NOW THEREFORE, DO WE, as Mayor and Commissioners of the City of Miami Beach, hereby proclaim April 26, 2023, as

GLSEN Rise Up Day

in the City of Miami Beach.

MAYOR

Dan Gelber