


Las Vegas City Council
Proclamation

Whereas; young people, teachers, school staff, families, and communities must be free of the violence of racism, transphobia, homophobia, sexism, ableism, and all forms of systemic oppression where K-12 schools must be safe and liberatory learning environments that include and affirm LGBTQIA+ young people, especially those who are transgender, non-binary, intersex, Black, indigenous, people of color, people with disabilities, and from all communities that experience marginalization; and

Whereas; for over two decades Congress has supported a resolution for a National Day of Silence, and for a decade, Congress has supported a resolution for No Name-Calling week and advocates have designated 2023-2024 as a time for communities to Rise Up in support of LGBTQIA+ young people in schools; and

Whereas; LGBTQIA+ young people frequently experience bias-based bullying and harassment, discrimination, and punitive discipline the increases the likelihood they will enter the school-to-prison pipeline where 95% of LGBTQIA+ students reported hearing anti-LGBTQIA+ remarks from students in Nevada schools found in a study from GLSEN navigator; and

Whereas; LGBTQIA+ young people are more likely than their non-LGBTQIA+ peers to experience mental health concerns, including stress, anxiety, and depression where nearly half of LGBTQIA+ young people seriously considered suicide in the last year, a trend that increases among Indigenous, Black, and multiracial LGBTQIA+ young people; and

Whereas; over 200 anti-LGBTQIA+ education bills are introduced each year in the state legislatures across the country, the majority of which specifically target transgender and non-binary young people where 85% of transgender and non-binary young people say that recent debates prompted by state legislation restricting the rights of transgender people have negatively impacted their mental health; and

Whereas; every young person must have equal educational opportunity and freedom from the fear that their basic civil and educational rights will be taken away from them; 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 on positive school transformation must recognize that safety is too a low bar and that all communities deserve to be acknowledged and affirmed in our schools; and

Whereas; on we must all demand the best possible future for all young people in schools, including those who identify as LGBTQIA+, without exception;

Therefore; we, the Mayor and Members of the Las Vegas City Council, do hereby take great pride in proclaiming June 3rd, 2023, as:

“Rise Up for LGBTQIA+ Youth Day”

In The City of Las Vegas we call all citizens to observe this day.


Mayor Carolyn G. Goodman



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