

Proclamation

CITY OF ORLANDO - OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

- WHEREAS,** the City of Orlando prides itself in being a welcoming, affirming and inclusive city for all residents, including all members of the LGBTQI+ community; and
- WHEREAS,** in The City Beautiful, our LGBTQI+ community and allies unite to celebrate, advocate for, protect, educate and empower residents who've historically been marginalized; and
- WHEREAS,** this includes our city's youngest residents, who deserve to grow up in a community that is free of racism, transphobia, homophobia, sexism, ableism and all forms of hate and oppression; 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,** in Orlando, we demand the best possible future for all young people in schools, including those who identify as LGBTQI+, without exception; and
- WHEREAS,** we are united in our commitment to make Orlando an even more welcoming and inclusive community and to continue the work to ensure that every resident in our city feels equally valued and equally protected and has equitable access to opportunities to help them thrive;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Buddy Dyer, Mayor of the City of Orlando, hereby do share my support of GLSEN's Rise Up campaign and the efforts to ensure that every student, including those who identify as LGBTQI+, can learn in an uplifting, supportive environment that is free of hatred and discrimination.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto have set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Orlando to be affixed this 23rd day of April, 2023.



Buddy Dyer
MAYOR