

Office of the Mayor  
City of Fort Lauderdale

# Proclamation

## In Recognition of GLSEN's Rise Up for LGBTQ+ Youth Campaign

**WHEREAS,** K-12 schools must be safe learning environments that include and affirm LGBTQ+ young people, especially those who are transgender, nonbinary, intersex, Black, Indigenous, people of color, people with disabilities, and from all communities that experience marginalization; and

**WHEREAS,** GLSEN and advocates nationwide have designated 2023-2024 as a time for communities to Rise Up in support of LGBTQ+ young people in schools; and

**WHEREAS,** LGBTQ+ young people frequently experience bias-based bullying and harassment, discrimination, and punitive discipline that increases the likelihood they will enter the school-to-prison pipeline. LGBTQ+ young people are also more likely than their non-LGBTQ+ peers to experience mental health concerns, including stress, anxiety, and depression; and

**WHEREAS,** every young person in America must have equal educational opportunities 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

**WHEREAS,** positive educational and scholastic transformations must recognize that all communities deserve to be acknowledged and affirmed in our schools; and

**WHEREAS,** we seek to encourage the best possible future for all young people, including those who identify as LGBTQ+, without exception; and


**NOW, THEREFORE, WE,** as City Commissioners of the City of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, do hereby proclaim April 27, 2023, as:

### GLSEN's Rise Up for LGBTQ+ Youth Day

in the City of Fort Lauderdale.

**DATED** this, the 27th day of April 2023.



  
Mayor Dean J. Trantalis



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