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To: <u>Carol Ann Desiderio</u>

Subject: Fwd: Public comment on declaring a Transgender Day of Visibility

Date: Tuesday, March 25, 2025 4:43:40 PM

Hi Carol - my apologies I had a typo in your email when I sent this earlier! No worries if it's too late to submit comment.

Thank you!!

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From: Meg Aki < megan.aki@gmail.com > Date: Tue, Mar 25, 2025 at 1:51 PM

Subject: Public comment on declaring a Transgender Day of Visibility

To: <<u>cdesiderio@cityofmalden.com</u>>

Hello! I would like to submit the following public comment to be read into the record at tonight's City Council meeting regarding declaring a Transgender Day of Visibility on March 31 in Malden:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide public comment and to the City Council Members for their thoughtful consideration of the resolution introduced by Councilor-at-Large Carey McDonald.

As a trans non-binary resident of Malden, I would like to share my enthusiastic support for officially recognizing a Transgender Day of Visibility. I came to terms with my gender identity in my 30's, and I wish that I had witnessed this kind of representation in my hometown growing up. Celebrating and uplifting the diversity of identities that make up the trans community is one small, but significant, step we can take as a community to publicly acknowledge that all are welcome and actively supported in Malden. Given the current climate of threats to the safety of our community, it is incredibly important at this moment that we make it clear Malden is a safe haven for trans identifying folks of all ages.

Thank you! Megan Aki

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