

# A Proclamation Recognizing May 22<sup>nd</sup> as “Harvey Milk Day”

**WHEREAS**, May 22<sup>nd</sup> has been designated as “Harvey Milk Day,” which honors and celebrates the life and legacy of Harvey Milk, one of the first openly LGBTQ elected officials in the United States and a leader of the American Civil Rights Movement; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1999 Time Magazine named Harvey Milk as one of the 100 most influential people in the 20<sup>th</sup> Century; and

**WHEREAS**, Harvey Milk was an inspiration to members of the LGBTQ community and provided many LGBTQ people who thought that they would never have the opportunity to serve in public office with an example that such service was possible; and

**WHEREAS**, Harvey Milk was not only an advocate for the LGBTQ community, but for all minorities. He believed in safe, strong neighborhoods and supported public education, affordable childcare, and equal rights for all; and

**WHEREAS**, Harvey Milk was elected to the position of city supervisor in San Francisco where he held office for one year before his life was tragically cut short in 1978; and

**WHEREAS**, Harvey Milk’s contributions to the cause of equality for all people has been recognized in a number of ways, including the issuance of a US Postal Stamp and as the posthumous recipient of a Medal of Freedom award; and

**WHEREAS**, Harvey Milk has been quoted as stating that “Hope will never be silent,” and members of the LGBTQ community – in the USA and around the world – still face discrimination and violence rooted in the same hatred that Milk died from. They deserve hope, and cannot abide our silence; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, I, [Mayor], Mayor of the City of [City Name], [State], on behalf of the [City Name] City Council, do hereby recognize May 22<sup>nd</sup> as Harvey Milk Day in [City Name].

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand on this [Meeting Date] Day of May, 2021 and cause the official seal of the City of [City Name], [State] to be affixed.

**CITY OF** [City Name], [State]

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Honorable [Mayor Name], Mayor

Attested By:

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[Clerk Name], City Clerk