



# Proclamation

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## International Day Against Homophobia, Transphobia and Biphobia

Wednesday, May 17, 2023

**Whereas** the International Day Against Homophobia, Transphobia and Biphobia is recognized annually on May 17<sup>th</sup> to draw attention to the 2SLGBTQI+ community and the fear and hatred that is often directed at its members; and

**Whereas** by all coming together on one global day, we will be so loud that people all over the world who cannot speak up will hear the sound of hope and solidarity. More is still needed to be done and more bridges to cross so our voices can all be heard before we have true equality and remove hate from our world; and

**Whereas** The International Day Against Homophobia, Transphobia and Biphobia is a day to continue our collective journey towards societies that ensure justice and protection for all, it is a day to speak out against the phobias affecting lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, two-spirit, intersex communities and all people with diverse sexual orientations, gender identities and expressions or sex characteristics. In a fair and just world, no one shall be left behind.

**Therefore be it resolved that**, on behalf of the Corporation of the Town of Aurora, I, Mayor Tom Mrakas, do hereby proclaim the day of **Wednesday, May 17, 2023 as International Day Against Homophobia and Transphobia** in the Town of Aurora.

Tom Mrakas  
Mayor