

VILLAGE OF YELLOW SPRINGS, OHIO
RESOLUTION 2023-13

Recognizing March 18th 2023 as a Day of Transgender Visibility and Affirming the Village of Yellow Springs as a Safe and Welcoming Community for Transgender Persons

WHEREAS, the Village of Yellow Springs identifies itself as a welcoming community of opportunity for people of any race, age, sexual orientation, gender identity, culture, income, ability, political affiliation or religion; and,

WHEREAS, the lives of transgender and non-binary people have historically been devalued, discredited and invalidated politically, legislatively and in myriad settings across the United States; and

WHEREAS, recent legislation targeting youth seeking gender affirming treatment and their parents and guardians has been enacted in four states, and is currently under consideration in 15 states including the State of Ohio; and,

WHEREAS, the State of Ohio currently bans transgender athletes from participation in girl's sporting events, affirming a pattern of increasingly restrictive, invasive and small-minded legislative actions in our home state; and,

WHEREAS, while the Village of Yellow Springs has no ability to provide sanctuary to minor children who may be under attack from such legislation, no Village entity is required to enforce such restrictive measures, and it is generally understood that non-enforcement of measures meant to limit and dismiss transgender and non-binary persons is a life-affirming and compassionate choice,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY COUNCIL FOR THE VILLAGE OF YELLOW SPRINGS, OHIO THAT:

Section 1. Council for the Village of Yellow Springs wholeheartedly supports all non-binary and transgender persons every day, but most enthusiastically on March 18th, which has been designated as Transgender Day of Visibility in the Village of Yellow Springs.

Section 2. Council for the Village of Yellow Springs supports and encourages local and regional efforts to welcome transgender and non-binary persons and others who are being targeted on the basis of their gender identity and/or gender expression.

Section 3. Council for the Village of Yellow Springs is committed to the protection of law abiding Village residents and visitors from abuse, harassment, and harm regardless of their gender identity or expression.

Section 4. No Village department or employee shall deny equal access to Village services based on gender identity or expression.

Signed: _____
Brian Housh, President of Council

Passed: 3-6-2023



Attest: _____
Judy Kintner, Clerk of Council

Roll Call:

Housh __Y__

Stokes __Y__

MacQueen __Y__

Brown __Y__

DeVore Leonard __Y__