

The Milwaukee Delegation: Issues statement on Transgender Day of Visibility

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MADISON- On March 31st, the Milwaukee Delegation recognizes Transgender Day of Visibility, a day to celebrate the achievements and contributions of trans people everywhere, and a day to draw attention to the poverty, discrimination, and violence that the trans community faces as well. The Milwaukee Delegation released the following statement:

“In the past year, four Black transgender women have been killed in Milwaukee—their names are Brazil Johnson, Regina ‘Mya’ Allen, Toi Davis, and Cashay Henderson. The lives of these four Black women mattered.

“Transgender violence and violence targeting the LGBTQ+ community remains a major concern across our state and nation, and people are dying as a result. According to the Human Rights Campaign, at least thirty-eight transgender people were killed in 2022, and a record-high fifty seven homicides were reported in 2021. The Human Rights Campaign uses the phrase ‘at least’ because too often these stories go unreported. We must all take a stand against hateful rhetoric, policies, and violence towards the trans community.

“Until 2021, the State of Wisconsin had never before officially recognized International Transgender Day of Visibility. With his proclamation today, Governor Evers has now recognized International Transgender Day of Visibility in each of the last three years.

“To our transgender neighbors and constituents—you are loved, you are welcome, and we as the Milwaukee Delegation stand with you. As we celebrate the contributions that trans and non-binary people have made in Wisconsin and across the world, may we recommit ourselves to supporting equality for all. Our communities are strongest when all individuals are treated fairly and have equal opportunities under the law.”