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2021 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 18

March 16, 2021 - Introduced by Senators CARPENTER, AGARD, BEWLEY, ERPENBACH, JOHNSON, LARSON, RINGHAND, ROYS and SMITH, cosponsored by Representatives NEUBAUER, CABRERA, SNODGRASS, SPREITZER, ANDERSON, BALDEH, BILLINGS, BOWEN, BROSTOFF, CONLEY, CONSIDINE, DRAKE, EMERSON, HEBL, HESSELBEIN, HONG, B. MEYERS, POPE, RIEMER, S. RODRIGUEZ, SHANKLAND, SHELTON, SINICKI, SUBECK, VINING and VRUWINK. Referred to Committee on Senate Organization.

1 **Relating to:** proclaiming March 31, 2021, as Wisconsin's Transgender Day of
2 Visibility.

3 Whereas, International Transgender Day of Visibility, which occurs annually
4 on March 31st, is a day set aside to acknowledge, celebrate, and elevate transgender
5 and nonbinary people across the world and here in Wisconsin; and

6 Whereas, transgender and nonbinary individuals have achieved many great
7 successes in fighting discrimination, and continue in their efforts towards equality
8 and fairness by combating indignity with dignity; and

9 Whereas, the stories of Alina Boyden and Shannon Andrews show us that
10 perseverance can lead to systemic change and better conditions for all; and

11 Whereas, Elle Halo works to help transgender people acquire access to health
12 care, to improve others' mental and physical well-being, to raise awareness of issues
13 affecting gender-nonconforming people of color, and to prevent the spread of HIV
14 and AIDS; and

1 Whereas, transgender and nonbinary people serve our country in the armed
2 forces, including Col. Sheri Swokowski, Ph.D., the highest-ranking out transgender
3 veteran, who works to improve transgender civil rights and health care for other
4 transgender military service members; and

5 Whereas, Zoe Roberts, Vered Meltzer, Jessica Katzenmeyer, and Wendy Bolm
6 provide examples of bravery and confidence in pursuing their values through
7 political engagement and encouraging others to do so as well; and

8 Whereas, Rachel Crowl brings authenticity to the stage and screen and
9 demonstrates the importance of transgender and nonbinary people sharing their
10 lived experiences; and

11 Whereas, Alex Corona advocates for others by creating resources, trainings,
12 and outreach materials to improve the visibility and inclusion of the transgender and
13 nonbinary community, as well as helping others access and navigate the name
14 change process; and

15 Whereas, Diverse and Resilient, FORGE, SHEBA, GSAFE, The Black Rose
16 Initiative, Fair Wisconsin, the Milwaukee LGBT Community Center, and other
17 organizations across our state have dedicated their efforts to supporting the
18 transgender and nonbinary community, showing the strength of collective action and
19 building a more inclusive Wisconsin; and

20 Whereas, everyone has a role to play in making our communities places where
21 transgender and gender-nonconforming people are welcomed, supported, and have
22 the opportunity to thrive; and

23 Whereas, our transgender and nonbinary neighbors in Wisconsin have shown
24 great strength in the face of adversity and empower others to explore and embrace
25 their full selves by living their truth; now, therefore, be it

