

MAYORAL PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, May 22nd 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 20th 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, Satya Rhodes-Conway, Mayor of the City of Madison, Wisconsin, on behalf of the Madison City Council, do hereby recognize May 22, 2021 as

Harvey Milk Day

In the City of Madison.



Mayor Satya Rhodes-Conway

Signed and sealed this 22nd day of May, 2021 at City Hall