

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the Williams Institute at the UCLA School of Law study found that transgender people 16 and over are four times more likely to be crime victims than cisgender people; and

WHEREAS, half of all transgendered people are sexually abused or assaulted during their lifetimes according to the US Department of Justice; and

WHEREAS, PBS New Hour reported that 2021 was the deadliest year for transgendered people with a record number of transgender murder victims; and

WHEREAS, the FBI reported that hate crimes against transgender and gender non-conforming people increased 587% between 2013 and 2019; and

WHEREAS, the Williams Institute reports that 40% of transgender adults have attempted suicide in their lifetimes and 30% of transgender youth have attempted suicide in the last year; and

WHEREAS, Vanderbilt University found that transgendered people are 11% less likely to have jobs than comparably situated cisgendered men; and

WHEREAS, National Women's Law Center reports that transgender individuals are twice as likely to live in poverty as the general US population; and

WHEREAS, despite the many obstacles, transgender people have contributed greatly to art, culture, and science, including Lynn Conway who revolutionized microchip design and Wendy Carlos who won three Grammy awards;

WHEREAS, Washington state law protects the rights of transgender people to be free from discrimination and to enjoy all the privileges and protections granted to all people, including full enjoyment of public accommodations, employment, and participation in all aspects of civil life;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, David J. Faber, Mayor of the City of Port Townsend, do hereby proclaim that the City of Port Townsend values our transgender residents and visitors and urges all residents and visitors to be respectful, welcoming, and kind to everyone regardless of gender identity. I further proclaim that discrimination and prejudice, in any form, especially against transgender people, are unwelcome and have no place in the City of Port Townsend.

David J. Faber, Mayor