

**CITY OF EL PASO, TEXAS
AGENDA ITEM
AGENDA SUMMARY FORM**

DEPARTMENT: Mayor & Council

AGENDA DATE: 10.10.23

CONTACT PERSON NAME AND PHONE NUMBER: Representative Cassandra Hernandez ~ 915.212.0003
Representative Henry Rivera ~ 915.212.0007

DISTRICT(S) AFFECTED: All

STRATEGIC GOAL

Goal 3 - Promote the Visual Image of El Paso

SUBJECT:

APPROVE a resolution / ordinance / lease to do what? OR AUTHORIZE the City Manager to do what? Be descriptive of what we want Council to approve. Include \$ amount if applicable.

Discussion and action to approve a resolution for the City to declare the month of October of each year as Transgender History Month and pledges to continue to show its support and stand in solidarity with the Transgender Community honoring our diverse and intersectional community and that the City declares itself as a safe haven for Transgender and gender non-conforming families.

BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION:

Discussion of the what, why, where, when, and how to enable Council to have reasonably complete description of the contemplated action. This should include attachment of bid tabulation, or ordinance or resolution if appropriate. What are the benefits to the City of this action? What are the citizen concerns? Transgender History Month is a time to honor the contributions of transgender and gender-nonconforming history makers, a group that is often the target of laws and politics set to dehumanize and target their way of life. Supporting the transgender and gender-nonconforming community by designating October as Transgender History Month will create a culture led by education and recognition of the contributions of transgender El Pasoans.

PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION:

Has the Council previously considered this item or a closely related one?

Yes, there have been past resolutions and proclamations recognizing or bringing awareness to the LGBTQIA+ community.

AMOUNT AND SOURCE OF FUNDING:

How will this item be funded? Has the item been budgeted? If so, identify funding source by account numbers and description of account. Does it require a budget transfer?

N/A

*****REQUIRED AUTHORIZATION*****

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Transgender History Month is a time to honor the rich history and contributions of transgender and gender-nonconforming history makers; and

WHEREAS, Transgender and gender-nonconforming Americans and their existence are often portrayed as a recent cultural development, despite having existed throughout human history; and

WHEREAS, Transgender and gender-nonconforming Americans are being dehumanized and politicized and their contributions being erased; and

WHEREAS, the Texas government has consistently created laws that specifically target transgender and gender non-conforming individuals and their way of life, continuing to perpetuate discrimination, violence and disparity against them; and

WHEREAS, Transgender and gender non-conforming is a diverse community that is blazing brave new trails, making history, and advocating for equality and inclusion; and

WHEREAS, Lisa Turner, an El Pasoan and veteran, has made history as the first Trans-Woman to be appointed to several city commissions, including the Women’s Rights Commission, and continually advocates for “common sense” policy that ensures that El Pasoans are represented; and

WHEREAS, supporting the transgender and gender-nonconforming community by designating October as Transgender History Month will create a culture led by education and recognition of the contributions of transgender El Pasoans; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EL PASO:

Declares the month of October of each year as Transgender History Month and pledges to continue to show its support and stand in solidarity with the Transgender Community honoring our diverse and intersectional community and that the City of El Paso declares itself as a safe haven for Transgender and gender non-conforming families.

Signatures begin on the following page

PASSED AND APPROVED this _____ day of _____, 2023.


THE CITY OF EL PASO:

Oscar Leeser
Mayor

ATTEST:

Laura D. Prine
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Jesus A. Quintanilla
Assistant City Attorney