



Friday, March 22, 2024

**Subject: Join the movement! Celebrate the International Day Against Homophobia and Transphobia on May 17.**

Hello,

Fondation Émergence's mission is to educate, inform and raise awareness of the realities of LGBTQ+ people. In 2003, it created the world's first International Day Against Homophobia and Transphobia (May 17), which is now celebrated in over a hundred countries. The date commemorates the removal of homosexuality from the WHO's list of mental illnesses on May 17, 1990. Today, it's the perfect time to converge awareness-raising activities and engage in constructive, positive public dialogue to counter homophobia and transphobia.

As part of the International Day Against Homophobia and Transphobia, Fondation Émergence is inviting all municipalities to send a message of inclusion to the residents of their municipality by raising the flag on May 17.

We also invite you to pass a resolution at your municipal council to mark this important day (see template attached in the e-mail). We also invite you to send us your resolution for inclusion on our map of municipalities [Map of municipalities - May 17](#)

Last year, 249 municipalities showed their support for LGBTQ+ people. Join the movement and help us raise awareness of sexual and gender diversity in all walks of life.

What's more, we invite you to share a photo on your social networks, tagging @journee17mai with #17mai, so that your municipality radiates its inclusivity throughout Quebec.

With your support, we'll continue to make Quebec history by taking a strong stand against homophobia and transphobia. Together, we can create a Quebec that fully accepts sexual and gender diversity.

Yours sincerely,

**Laurent Breault**  
Executive director

This document is a draft municipal resolution template for the recognition of May 17<sup>th</sup> as International Day Against Homophobia and Transphobia.

Please send a certified true copy to [may17mai@fondationemergence.org](mailto:may17mai@fondationemergence.org)

RESOLUTION OF THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

OF "Name of your municipality"

Date

Resolution No. "resolution number" - **International Day Against Homophobia and Transphobia**

WHEREAS the Quebec Charter of Human Rights and Freedoms recognizes that no one can be discriminated against on the basis of sexual orientation or gender identity or expression;

WHEREAS Quebec is a society open to everyone, including lesbian, gay, bisexual and trans people (LGBTQ+) and to all other people who identify with sexual diversity and the multiplicity of gender identities and expressions;

WHEREAS, despite recent efforts towards greater inclusion of LGBTQ+ people, homophobia and transphobia are still present in society.

WHEREAS May 17<sup>th</sup> is the International Day Against Homophobia and Transphobia, is celebrated as such in many countries and is the result of a Quebec-based initiative promoted by Fondation Émergence starting in 2003.

WHEREAS there is reason to support the efforts of Fondation Émergence in holding this day;

It is resolved to proclaim May 17 INTERNATIONAL DAY AGAINST HOMOPHOBIA AND TRANSPHOBIA and to recognize this day as such.

ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY

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SIGNATURE

Name

Title



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**Homophobia and Transphobia**