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Montréal, Tuesday, March 14, 2023

**Subject: International Day Against Homophobia and Transphobia, May 17, 2022**

Hi,

Fondation Émergence's mission is to defend the rights of lesbian, gay, bisexual and trans (LGBTQ+) people. Each year, it organizes the International Day Against Homophobia and Transphobia (May 17), which was created by the Foundation for the first time in the world, in Quebec, in 2003. This day is now recognized nationally and internationally.

For last year's International Day Against Homophobia and Transphobia, Fondation Émergence sent a pride flag (rainbow) to every municipality in Quebec. For this year, we're trying to reach out to every municipality in Canada, this will send a stronger message to the government that the population stand with the LGBTQ+ community. We also invite you to adopt a resolution at City Council to mark this important day (see attached template in the email).

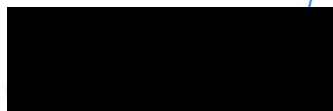
Last year 287 municipalities showed their support for LGBTQ+ people, join the movement to help us reach a new record this year for the 20th anniversary of the Day. [Map of Municipalities - May 17](#)

In addition, we invite you to share a photo on your social networks by tagging @journee17mai with the #17mai so that your municipality can shine a light on its inclusivity throughout Quebec.

If you do not have a flag in your possession, you can send us a request at the following email address: ([courrier@fondationemergence.org](mailto:courrier@fondationemergence.org)) with the complete address of the City Hall and we will be able to send you one at the price of only \$15.

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

Yours sincerely



Laurent Breault  
General 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 LGBT 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**