Proclamation

International Transgender Day of Visibility- March 31st

WHEREAS, observed annually on March 31st, since 2009, International Transgender Day of Visibility (TDOV) is a day to raise awareness about transgender people and celebrate the lives and contributions of trans people, while also drawing attention to the poverty, discrimination and violence this community faces; and

WHEREAS, our community benefits from the diversity of its population and seeks to support inclusions of all people as a testament to our shared values of dignity, equity, and fair treatment for everyone without regard to gender identity or expression; and

WHEREAS, access to resources and a supportive community can be lifesaving for transgender individuals, especially youth; and

WHEREAS, TDOV helps bring public awareness to hate crimes and honors the memory of those harmed and killed by senseless acts of violence each year.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mayor C. Michael Sobol, do hereby proclaim March 31, 2025 as: **"TRANSGENDER DAY OF VISIBILITY"** in Black Mountain. The Town of Black Mountain commits to moving forward together to promote inclusion, equity, and awareness in our community and every community across our state and nation.

PROCLAIMED this the 10th day of March 2025.

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C. Michael Sobol, Mayor

Attest:

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Wesley M. Barker, Town Clerk