



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
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