

Sen. Bernie Sanders hangs transgender pride flag outside his office

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Senator Bernie Sanders, I-Vt., posted a message of support for transgender Americans to social media on Sunday.

"Discrimination has no place in our society. I am proud to display this flag as a symbol of my support for the transgender people across the country. We must stand with transgender people in all of our communities."

"The flag was hung outside our Senate office yesterday to recognize [transgender visibility day](#), which is March 31," Sanders staff wrote in a Tuesday email.

The flag will remain for one week, as requested by the [National Center for Transgender Equality](#), according to staff.

What is a transgender flag?

The trans pride flag was created in 1999 and first flown at a Phoenix LGBT pride celebration in 2000, according to Point 5cc, a trans awareness website. The flag was designed by Monica Helms, an openly transgender American woman.

Helms said the pastel colors represent male and female. The white stripe is for intersex people.

