

RESOLUTION NO. 190966

Recognizing November 20, 2019, as Transgender Day of Remembrance in Kansas City, Missouri.

WHEREAS, Transgender Day of Remembrance (TDOR) is an annual observance on November 20 that honors the memory of transgender people around the world whose lives have been lost to anti-transgender violence; and

WHEREAS, Transgender Day of Remembrance was established in 1999 by transgender advocate Gwendolyn Ann Smith in remembrance of Rita Hester, a transgender woman who was killed in 1998 in Allston, Massachusetts; and

WHEREAS, the annual event provides a forum for transgender communities and allies to raise awareness of the threat of violence faced by gender variant people and the persistence of prejudice felt by the transgender community; and

WHEREAS, fatal violence disproportionately affects transgender women of color, who comprise 80% of all anti-transgender homicides; and

WHEREAS, despite the challenges faced by the transgender community, by observing the Transgender Day of Remembrance, we recognize, admire, and celebrate the growing awareness and acceptance of transgender people in Kansas City and across the nation. Local organizations committed to these efforts include the Kansas City Anti-Violence Project, the Kansas City Center for Inclusion, EQUAL, Transformations KC, Kansas City Passages, Brown Voices/Brown Pulse, the Kansas City Human Rights Campaign, PFLAG of Greater Kansas City, and others that dedicate themselves to uplifting and empowering transgender and gender variant people; and

WHEREAS, on Transgender Day of Remembrance we honor and commemorate the strength, commitment, and remarkably immense efforts of those working to secure full and equal civil rights for all people, regardless of gender identity or expression; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF KANSAS CITY:

That the Mayor and Council hereby display their condolences to all transgender and gender variant people who have passed in Kansas City, Missouri and across the nation and recognize November 20 as Transgender Day of Remembrance; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution be spread upon the Minutes of the Council in testimony thereof and that a copy hereof be presented to Samantha Ruggles and Nyla Foster with the Mayor and Council encouraging all citizens of Kansas City to honor and remember those lost to violence due to anti-transgender hate in the past year.



Authenticated as Passed

Quinton Lucas, Mayor

Marilyn Sanders, City Clerk

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Date Passed