

PROCLAMATION

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF SAN MATEO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA
PROCLAMATION DESIGNATING NOVEMBER 20th 2016

TRANSGENDER DAY OF REMEMBRANCE

WHEREAS, the **TRANSGENDER DAY OF REMEMBRANCE** is observed on November 20th of each year to honor the memory of those whose lives were lost as a result of anti-transgender violence; and

WHEREAS, the **TRANSGENDER DAY OF REMEMBRANCE** began in the State of California in 1998 after the murder of Rita Hester, a transgender woman; and

WHEREAS, in keeping with the tradition of reading the names of transgender and gender non-conforming people who have died in the U.S. this past year due to violence, the following 15 people will be remembered today: Jasmine Sierra, age 52, who dies on January 22nd 2016 in Bakersfield, CA; Monica Loera, age 43, who died on January 22nd, 2016 in Austin Texas; Maya Young, age 25, who died on February 20th, 2016 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; Kendarie/Kandicee Johnson, age 16 years old, who died on March 2nd, 2016 in Burlington, Iowa; Keyonna Blakeney, age 22, who died on May 1st, 2016 in Rockville, Maryland; Tyreece “Reecey” Walker, age 32 years old, who died on May 1st, 2016 in Wichita, Kansas; Mercedes Successful, age 32, who died May 15th, 2016 in Haines City, Florida; Amos Beede, age 38, who died on May 22nd, 2016 in Burlington, Vermont; Devin Diamond, age 22, who died on June 5th, 2016 in New Orleans, Louisiana; Deeniquia Dodds, age 22, who died on July 4th, 2016 in Washington D.C.; Dee Whigham, age 36, who died on July 23rd, 2016 in St. Martin, Mississippi; Erykah Tijerina, age 36, who died on August 8th, 2016 in El Paso, Texas; Rae’lynn Thomas, age 28, who died on August 10th, 2016 in Columbus, Ohio; TT Saffore, age 26, who died on September 11th 2016 in Chicago, Illinois; and Crystal Edmonds, age 32, who died on September 16th, 2016 in Baltimore, Maryland; and

WHEREAS, this day helps to raise the visibility of transgender and gender non-conforming people who demonstrate courage and resilience in the face of prejudice, discrimination and violence, and also serves to heighten awareness of the need for elected officials, the law enforcement community, the media, and the community in general to address the challenges faced by these individuals; and

WHEREAS, the growing number of transgender and gender non-conforming citizens and their allies in the County of San Mateo are being honored and recognized today in this public forum for their tenacity of spirit and their contribution to our diverse community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Mateo, State of California, hereby designates November 20, 2016 as the **TRANSGENDER DAY OF REMEMBRANCE** in San Mateo County and invites all residents to participate in related activities and events.

Dated: November 1, 2016

SUPERVISORS:

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Attest:

Deputy Clerk of the Board of Supervisors