

PROCLAMATION

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF SAN MATEO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA
PROCLAMATION DESIGNATING NOVEMBER 13th 2018 AS

TRANSGENDER DAY OF REMEMBRANCE

WHEREAS, the Transgender Day of Remembrance is observed nationally on November 20th and this year in San Mateo County on November 13th 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 past year due to violence, the following 22 people will be remembered today: Christa Leigh Steele-Knudslie, age 42, who died on January 5th in North Adams Massachusetts; Vicky Gutierrez, age 33, who died on January 10th in Los Angeles California; Tonya Harvey, age 35, who died on February 6th in Buffalo New York; Celine Walker, age 36, who died on February 4th in Jacksonville Florida; Phylcia Mitchell, age 45, who died on February 23rd in Cleveland Ohio; Zakaria Fry, age 28, who died on February 19th in Albuquerque New Mexico; Amia Tyrae Berryman, age 28, who died on March 26th in Baton Rouge Louisiana; Sasha Wall, age 29, who died on April 1st in Chesterfield County South Carolina; Karla Patricia Flores-Pavón, age 26, who died on May 9th in Dallas Texas; Nino Fortson, age 36, who died on May 13th in Atlanta Georgia; Gigi Pierce, age 28, who died on May 21st in Portland Oregon; Antash’a English, age 38, who died on June 1st in Jacksonville Florida; Cathalina Christina James, age 24, who died on June 24th in Jacksonville, Florida; Keisha Wells, age 58, who died on June 24th in Cleveland Ohio; Sasha Garden, age 27, who died on July 19th in Orlando Florida; Diamond Stephens, age 39, who died on June 18th in Meridian Mississippi; Vontashia Bell, age 18, who died August 30th in Shreveport Louisiana; Dejanay Stanton, age 24, who died August 30th in Chicago Illinois; Shantee Tucker, age 30, who died on September 5th in Philadelphia Pennsylvania; Londonn Moore, age 20, who died on September 8th in North Port Florida; Nikki Enriquez, age 28, who died on September 15th in Laredo Texas; and Ciara Minaj Carter Frazier, age 31, who died on October 3rd in Chicago Illinois; 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 13, 2018 as the Transgender Day of Remembrance in San Mateo County and invites all residents to participate in related activities and events.

Dated: November 13, 2018

SUPERVISORS:

DAVE PINE, President

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Attest: _____
Deputy Clerk of the Board of Supervisors