

PROCLAMATION

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF SAN MATEO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA
PROCLAMATION DESIGNATING NOVEMBER 20th 2017

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 past year due to violence, the following 21 people will be remembered today: Mesha Caldwell, age 41, who died on January 4th in Canton Mississippi; Jamie Lee Wounded Arrow, age 28, who died on January 9th in Sioux Falls, South Dakota; JoJo Striker, age 23, who died on February 8th in Toledo, Ohio; Tiara Richmond, also known as Keke Collier, age 24, who died on February 21st, in Chicago, Illinois; Chyna Doll Dupree, age 31 who died on February 25th, in New Orleans, Louisiana; Ciara McElveen, age 26, who died on February 27th, in New Orleans, Louisiana; Jaquarius Holland, age 18, who died on February 19th in Monroe, Louisiana; Alphonza Watson, age 38, who died on March 22 in Baltimore, Maryland; Chay Reed, age 28, who died on April 21st in Miami, Florida; Kenneth Bostick, age 59, who died on April 25th in New York City, New York; Sherrell Faulkner, age 46, who died on May 16th in Charlotte, North Carolina; and Kenne McFadden, age 27, who died on April 9th in San Antonio, Texas; Kendra Marie Adams, age 28, who died on June 13 in Ithaca, New York; Ava Le’Ray Barrin, age 17, who died on June 25th in Athens, Georgia; Ebony Morgan, age 28, who died on July 2 in Lynchburg, Virginia; TeeTee Dangerfield, age 32, who died on July 31st in Atlanta, Georgia; Gwynevere River Song, age 26, who died on August 12th in Waxahachie, Texas; Kiwi Herring, age 30, who died on August 22nd in St. Louis, Missouri; Kashmire Nazier Redd, age 28, who died on September 5th in Gates, New York; Derricka Banner, age 26, who died on September 12th in Charlotte, North Carolina; and Ally Steinfeld, age 17, who died in early September in Springfield, Missouri; 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, 2017 as the Transgender Day of Remembrance in San Mateo County and invites all residents to participate in related activities and events.

Dated: November 20, 2017

SUPERVISORS:

DON HORSLEY, President

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Attest:

Deputy Clerk of the Board of Supervisors