

Proclamation

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF SAN MATEO, STATE OF
CALIFORNIA, DESIGNATING NOVEMBER 20, 2020, AS

Transgender Day of Remembrance

WHEREAS, the Transgender Day of Remembrance is observed on November 20, 2020, to honor the memory of those whose lives were lost as a result of anti-transgender violence and began in the State of California in 1998 after the murder of Rita Hester, a transgender woman and nationally is recognized on November 20th; 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 34 people will be remembered today: *Dustin Parker*, age 25, who died on January 1st in McAlester Oklahoma; *Neulisa Luciano Ruiz*, age 28, who died on February 24th in Toa Baja Puerto Rico; *Yampi Méndez Arocho*, age 19, who died on March 5th in Moca Puerto Rico; *Monika Diamond*, age 34, who died on March 18th in Charlotte North Carolina; *Lexi*, age 33, who died on March 28th in Harlem New York; *Johanna Metzger*, age 25, who died on April 11th in Baltimore Maryland; *Penélope Díaz Ramírez*, age 31, who died on April 13th in Puerto Rico; *Serena Angelique Velázquez Ramos*, age 32, who died on April 21st in Puerto Rico; *Layla Pelaez Sánchez*, age 21, who died on April 21st in Puerto Rico; *Nina Pop*, age 28, who died on May 3rd in Sikeston Missouri; *Helle Jae O'Regan*, age 20, who died on May 6th in San Antonio Texas; *Jayne Thompson*, age 33, who died on May 9th in Mesa County Colorado; *Toni McDade*, age 38, who died on May 27th in Tallahassee Florida; *Selena Reyes-Hernandez*, age 37, who died on May 31st in Chicago Illinois; *Dominique "Rem'mie" Fells*, age 27, who died on June 9th in Philadelphia Pennsylvania; *Riah Milton*, age 25, who died on June 9th in Liberty Township Ohio; *Brian "Egypt" Powers*, age 43, who died on June 13th in Akron Ohio; *Brayla Stone*, age 17, who died June 25th in Little Rock Arkansas; *Merci Mack*, age 22, who died June 30th in Dallas Texas; *Shaki Peters*, age 32, who died on July 1st in Amite City Louisiana; *Bree Black*, age 27, who died on July 3rd in Pompano Beach Florida; *Summer Taylor*, age 24, who died on July 4th in Seattle Washington; *Marilyn Cazares*, age 22, who died on July 13th in Brawley California; *Tiffany Harris "Dior H Ova"*, age 32, who died on July 26th in Bronx New York; *Queasha D Hardy*, age 22, who died on July 27th in Baton Rouge Louisiana; *Aja Raquell Rhone-Spears*, age 32, who died on July 28th in Portland Oregon; *Kee Sam*, age 24, who died on August 12th in Lafayette Louisiana; *Aerrion Burnett*, age 37, who died on September 19th in Independence Missouri; *Mia Green*, age 29, who died on September 28th in Philadelphia Pennsylvania; *Michelle Michellyn Ramos Vargas*, age 35, who died on September 30th in San Germán Puerto Rico; *Felycya Harris*, age 33, who died October 3rd in Augusta Georgia; *Brooklyn Deshuna*, age 20, who died on October 7th in Shreveport Louisiana; *Sara Blackwood*, age 39, who died October 11th in Indianapolis Indiana; and

WHEREAS, the Transgender Day of Remembrance 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 serves to heighten awareness of the need to address the challenges faced by these individuals, and flying the Transgender Flag is a way to demonstrate that San Mateo County is a welcoming, inclusive county in furtherance of this proclamation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Mateo, State of California, hereby designates November 20, 2020, as the Transgender Day of Remembrance in San Mateo County, and hereby directs that the Transgender Flag be raised on the central flag pole in the courtyard of County Center on that day.

Dated: November 17, 2020

SUPERVISORS:

WAREEN SLOCUM, President

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Attest:

Deputy Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

