

1 [Transgender Awareness Month - November 2025]

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3 **Resolution declaring the month of November 2025 as Transgender Awareness Month in**
4 **the City and County of San Francisco; and honoring the leadership, resilience, and**
5 **contributions of San Francisco's transgender community.**
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7 WHEREAS, San Francisco has long been a beacon of inclusion and a national leader
8 in advancing LGBTQ+ rights, with the transgender community playing a vital role in shaping
9 the City's cultural, political, and social landscape; and

10 WHEREAS, The month of November is recognized as Transgender Awareness Month,
11 a time to celebrate, honor, and stand up for our transgender, non-binary, and gender-diverse
12 (TGD) friends, family, and neighbors, while fostering understanding and raising awareness
13 about the TGD community's diverse experiences; and

14 WHEREAS, Transgender Awareness Month was first celebrated in November 2017,
15 marking a growing national movement to increase visibility, education, and advocacy for
16 transgender and gender non-conforming people; and

17 WHEREAS, San Francisco is home to the Transgender District, originally founded in
18 2017 as Compton's Transgender Cultural District by three Black transgender women, Janetta
19 Johnson, Honey Mahogany, and Aria Sa'id, the first legally recognized transgender district in
20 the world, established to preserve the history, culture, and legacy of transgender people in the
21 Tenderloin neighborhood, where the 1966 Compton's Cafeteria Riot marked a turning point in
22 LGBTQ+ resistance and activism; and

23 WHEREAS, The San Francisco Transgender Film Festival, founded in 1997, is the
24 world's oldest transgender film festival and continues to serve as a global platform for TGD
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1 filmmakers and storytellers, showcasing the creativity, resilience, and vibrancy of the
2 community; and

3 WHEREAS, San Francisco is home to several transgender-centered programs, cultural
4 events, and organizations, including, Parivar Bay Area, LYRIC Center for LGBTQ+ Youth,
5 El/La Para TransLatinas, and Trans Thrive, that work year-round to promote safety, equity,
6 health, and visibility for transgender, non-binary, and gender-diverse people; and

7 WHEREAS, California now recognizes Transgender History Month in August, which
8 originated in San Francisco in 2021 before expanding statewide, further demonstrating San
9 Francisco's leadership in honoring transgender history and contributions; and

10 WHEREAS, Transgender Day of Remembrance, held each year on November 20,
11 commemorates the lives lost to anti-transgender violence and affirms our collective
12 commitment to justice, equality, and the protection of all people regardless of gender identity
13 or expression; and

14 WHEREAS, Transgender Awareness Month invites us to center the lives and
15 experiences of TGD individuals worldwide, including our City's residents, workers, patients,
16 students, and public servants, and to recommit ourselves to building a San Francisco where
17 everyone can live authentically, safely, and with dignity; now, therefore, be it

18 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors recognizes and honors the leadership,
19 resilience, and contributions of San Francisco's transgender, non-binary, and gender-diverse
20 communities, and encourages all residents to join in uplifting and supporting the TGD
21 community through education, visibility, and action toward equity and inclusion; and, be it

22 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors hereby declares
23 the month of November 2025 as Transgender Awareness Month in the City and County of
24 San Francisco.