

1 [Commemorating the 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Transgender Day of Remembrance.]  
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4 **Resolution Commemorating the 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Transgender Day of Remembrance and to**  
5 **celebrate the diversity in people’s self-defined gender identities and expressions.**  
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7 WHEREAS, The Transgender Day of Remembrance is held every November in honor  
8 of Rita Hester, a trans-woman who was murdered on the night of November 28, 1998 and  
9 who died of multiple stab wounds; and,

10 WHEREAS, Rita Hester’s murder remains unsolved like many anti-transgender murder  
11 cases and has caused the creation of “Remembering Our Dead,” a project dedicated to  
12 memorializing those persons killed because of anti-transgender hatred and prejudice; and,

13 WHEREAS, The first “Day of Remembrance” event was held as a candlelight vigil in  
14 San Francisco in 1999; and,

15 WHEREAS, Since then, events have been organized in numerous cities in the United  
16 States as well as in various countries around the world on November 20 every year; and,

17 WHEREAS, Over the last decade, more than one person per month has died from  
18 transgender-based hate or prejudice and this trend shows no sign of abating; and,

19 WHEREAS, This year’s remembrance memorializes those reported killings from 2005  
20 to the present including Rani, Vanessa Facen, Simone Walton, Roberta Oliveira, Paulina  
21 (Juan Pablo Mzndez Cartagena), Alexis L. King, Tiffany Berry, Yardena Marsh, Gisberta  
22 Salce Junior, Melissa “Mo” Green, Rupesh Mandal, Alfred Dibble, Sudha (aka, Lakshmi),  
23 Barbara (Geovanny) Calderon, Lupita (Juan Carlos Charria), Lezlie Anne Field, Mikey Vallejo-  
24 Seiber, Edgar Cano Camacho; and,  
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1           WHEREAS, This day raises public awareness of hate crimes against transgender  
2 people and people who are targeted because of their gender identity and their gender  
3 expression; and,

4           WHEREAS, The Transgender Day of Remembrance is a time for remembrance,  
5 mourning, and an opportunity to express love and respect in the face of national indifference  
6 and hatred towards transgender people; and,

7           WHEREAS, This day gives transgender people and their allies a chance to stand up for  
8 the rights of individuals who have been the victim of harassment, bullying, name calling  
9 because of their gender identity and their gender expression; now, therefore, be it

10          RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors joins with the many schools  
11 and community groups in honoring the lives of transgender people and celebrating the  
12 diversity of people’s self-defined gender identities; and, be it

13          FURTHER RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors commemorates  
14 the 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Transgender Day of Remembrance.

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