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[Transgender Awareness Month - November 2025]

Resolution declaring the month of November 2025 as Transgender Awareness Month in the City and County of San Francisco; and honoring the leadership, resilience, and contributions of San Francisco's transgender community.

WHEREAS, San Francisco has long been a beacon of inclusion and a national leader in advancing LGBTQ+ rights, with the transgender community playing a vital role in shaping the City's cultural, political, and social landscape; and

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

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

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

WHEREAS, The San Francisco Transgender Film Festival, founded in 1997, is the world's oldest transgender film festival and continues to serve as a global platform for TGD

filmmakers and storytellers, showcasing the creativity, resilience, and vibrancy of the community; and

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

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

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

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

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

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