

WHEREAS, Transgender Day of Remembrance is set aside to memorialize those who were killed due to anti-transgender hatred or prejudice; and

WHEREAS, Transgender Day of Remembrance began as a result of the murder of Rite Hester in 1998 which kicked off the “Remembering our Dead” web project and a San Francisco Candlelight vigil in 1999; and

WHEREAS, Transgender Day of Remembrance brings attention to the fact that the deaths, averaging one person per month, of those based on anti-transgender hatred or prejudice are largely ignored; and

WHEREAS, Transgender Day of Remembrance raises public awareness of hate crimes against transgendered people, publicly mourns and honors the lives of our brothers and sisters who might otherwise be forgotten, and expresses love and respect for our people in the face of national indifference and hatred.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Clara, State of California, does hereby proclaim November 20, 2006 as

TRANSGENDER DAY OF REMEMBRANCE

and urges all citizens to exhibit tolerance and understanding in lieu of hatred and prejudice toward each other.

PASSED AND ADOPTED, this Seventh Day of November, Two Thousand and Six by unanimous vote.

James T. Beall, Jr., Chair
Board of Supervisors

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