



Proclamation

Transgender Day November 20th, 2017

Whereas; The Transgender Day of Remembrance known as TDOR is recognized annually on November 20th through vigil and solidarity. This November 20th, 2017 in Halifax, Nova Scotia we are raising the Transgender Flag to honor those who are no longer with us and

Farther be it resolved the Transgender Day of Remembrance was set aside to memorialize those who were killed due to anti-transgender hatred or prejudice. The event is held in November to honor Rita Hester, whose murder on November 28th, 1998 kicked off the "Remembering Our Dead" web project and a San Francisco candlelight vigil in 1999. Rita Hester's murder — like most anti-transgender murder cases — has yet to be solved.

The Transgender Day of Remembrance serves several purposes. It raises public awareness of hate crimes against transgender people, an action that current media doesn't perform. Day of Remembrance publicly mourns and honors the lives of all Trans people who might otherwise be forgotten. Through the vigil, we express love and respect for our people in the face of national indifference and hatred. Day of Remembrance reminds non-transgender people that we are their sons, daughters, parents, friends and lovers. Day of Remembrance gives our allies a chance to step forward with us and stand in vigil, memorializing those of us who've died by anti-transgender violence.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, I Mayor Mike Savage, on behalf of Halifax Regional Council do hereby proclaim November 20th, 2017 as Transgender Day in the Halifax Regional Municipality.

Dated at Halifax, Nova Scotia
this 20th day of November, 2017



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Mike Savage
Mayor