

PROCLAMATION



City and County of Denver

Proclamation No. 17-1287

Honoring Transgender Day of Remembrance and Celebrating the Contributions and Resilience of Denver's Transgender Community

WHEREAS, Transgender Day of Remembrance will be observed on November 20, 2017 to honor the memory of those whose lives were lost in acts of anti-transgender violence, an annual event which began in 1998 with a vigil to honor the memory of Rita Hester, a transgender woman who was killed, and which now honors all transgender people lost to violence; and

WHEREAS, a formal vigil honoring those who were lost and the loved ones they left behind will be hosted by the Gender Identity Center on November 20 at 6:30 to 8 p.m. with a reception from 8 to 9:30 p.m. at East High School, 1600 City Park Esplanade, Denver; and

WHEREAS, our entire community is diminished when we lose the talents and contributions of any member of our community prematurely, whether due to direct anti-transgender violence or due to suicide or other health effects resulting from trauma or discrimination; and

WHEREAS, Denver honors the bravery and resilience of the thousands of transgender individuals who live, work or play in our city in their authentic gender, and although we are proud of the existing protections we have in place for transgender individuals to pursue their lives free from discrimination in Denver and Colorado, we reaffirm a commitment to on-going efforts to promote full inclusion of transgender individuals in the City; and

WHEREAS, we honor the outstanding organizations that serve as resources to transgender individuals in Denver, including: The Gender Identity Center of Colorado, which specializes in providing critical support and services to the transgender community; The GLBT Community Center of Colorado, which opened in 1976 and has grown to become the largest community center in the Rocky Mountain region, and provides social, educational, and support programs for the transgender community; One Colorado, a leading advocacy organization for LGBTQ Coloradans and their families, which works expand health care access for transgender Coloradans and to remove other barriers they face in every-day life; and the work of our own LGBTQ Commission, which partners with the community to advance social, economic, and political equality through their unique position within the City and County of Denver.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF DENVER THAT:

Section 1. That the City Council of the City and County of Denver solemnly declares November 20 as Transgender Day of Remembrance.

Section 2. That the Clerk of the City and County of Denver shall attest and affix the seal of the City and County of Denver to this proclamation and that a copy be delivered to The GLBT Community Center of Colorado, The Gender Identity Center of Colorado, One Colorado, and the Denver LGBTQ Commission.

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL November 13, 2017

PRESIDENT