

RESOLUTION NO. _____

**A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION
OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, DESIGNATING
NOVEMBER 20, 2024 AS TRANSGENDER DAY OF
REMEMBRANCE IN THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH TO
HONOR AND MEMORIALIZE THE LIVES LOST TO ANTI-
TRANSGENDER VIOLENCE.**

WHEREAS, Transgender Day of Remembrance was created following the 1998 killing of Rita Hester, a transgender woman of color, whose murder has yet to be solved; and

WHEREAS, the following year on November 20, 1999, Gwendolyn Ann Smith created the first Transgender Day of Remembrance in honor of Rita Hester and other transgender people whose lives were lost due to violence; and

WHEREAS, Transgender Day of Remembrance is observed every November 20 to honor the memory of those lives tragically lost in acts of anti-transgender violence; and

WHEREAS, the United States is currently experiencing an epidemic of violence against transgender Americans, both physical violence and violence waged in state legislative chambers across the country; and

WHEREAS, in the last several years, dozens of anti-transgender bills in States were proposed and successfully passed in states across the country, most of them targeting transgender youth, and ranging from banning trans students and individuals from using bathrooms corresponding to their gender identity, and prohibiting trans youth from competing on school sports teams that align with their gender identities, to criminalizing supportive medical care for transgender kids; and

WHEREAS, this rising anti-trans rhetoric is reflected in societal trends and crimes committed against the transgender community; and

WHEREAS, 2021 was officially marked the deadliest year on record for hateful violence against transgender Americans, including undocumented transgender immigrants, with at least 47 transgender or gender nonconforming people violently killed in the United States in 2021 and at least 375 worldwide, a number many believe to be lower than the actual number of occurrences due to the prevalence of underreporting or misreporting violence against the trans community; and

WHEREAS, many trans people die every year without recognition of the true impact of discrimination they shouldered; and

WHEREAS, Trans Day of Remembrance is a day to honor and mourn trans lives lost to violence and suicide, named and unnamed; and

WHEREAS, Trans Day of Remembrance is also observed as Trans Day of Resilience, to celebrate the resilience and power of trans and gender non-conforming people in life and not only in death; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Commission of Miami Beach wish to designate November 20, 2024 as Transgender Day of Remembrance.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT DULY RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, that the Mayor and City Commission hereby designate November 20, 2024 as Transgender Day of Remembrance in the City of Miami Beach to honor and memorialize the lives lost to anti-transgender violence.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this ____ day of _____, 2024.

Attest:

Steven Meiner, Mayor

Rafael E. Granado, City Clerk

(Sponsored by Vice-Mayor Alex J. Fernandez)

APPROVED AS TO
FORM & LANGUAGE
& FOR EXECUTION



City Attorney

11/13/2024
Date