

WHEREAS; Transgender Day of Remembrance began in 1999 as a vigil organized by activist, Gwendolyn Ann Smith, to honor the memory of Rita Hester, a Black transgender woman who was murdered in an act of anti-transgender violence the year before; and

WHEREAS; Transgender Day of Remembrance has since been observed in over 100 cities throughout the United States, as well as internationally, as a day to mourn, remember, and honor the memories of all transgender and gender non-conforming individuals who have been killed by anti-transgender hatred, prejudice, and violence; and

WHEREAS; according to the Human Rights Campaign, at least 46 transgender or gender non-conforming individuals have been fatally shot or killed by other violent means so far in 2021, the majority of which have been transgender women of color; and

WHEREAS; we recognize that official statistics on violent acts against transgender or gender non-conforming individuals likely present underestimates, as these incidences often go unreported, uninvestigated, or otherwise unaddressed due to institutionalized transphobia, racism, and discrimination; and

WHEREAS; transgender and gender non-conforming individuals in our state, throughout our country, and around the world have collectively worked to overcome adversity for generations, combating social stigma, demanding visibility, working tirelessly towards equality, and empowering all people to embrace who they are, be true to themselves, and live their most authentic and fulfilling lives; and

WHEREAS; today, the state of Wisconsin reaffirms the right of every Wisconsinite to stand boldly in their truth without fear of persecution, judgement, or discrimination, and joins members of our state's LGBTQ community and allies in condemning violence against transgender and gender non-conforming individuals and in remembering all those who have been so senselessly lost to anti-transgender violence;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,
do hereby proclaim November 20, 2021, as

TRANSGENDER DAY OF REMEMBRANCE

throughout the State of Wisconsin and I commend this observance
to all our state's residents.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Wisconsin to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Madison this 19th day of November 2021.



TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:



DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE, Secretary of State