

I, Amy T. Harvey, Deputy Town Clerk of the Town of Chapel Hill, North Carolina, hereby certify that the attached is a true and correct copy of (2021-12-01/R-0.1) adopted by the Chapel Hill Town Council on December 01, 2021.

This the 2nd day of December, 2021.

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Deputy Town Clerk



**A RESOLUTION ACKNOWLEDGING AND MOURNING THE LIVES OF TRANSGENDER AND GENDER NON-CONFORMING PEOPLE LOST IN THE LAST YEAR DUE TO VIOLENCE; RECOGNIZING THE CRISIS OF INCREASED VIOLENCE AGAINST TRANSGENDER PEOPLE, PARTICULARLY TRANSGENDER WOMEN OF COLOR; AND CELEBRATING THE RESILIENCE AND POWER OF TRANSGENDER AND GENDER NON-CONFORMING COMMUNITY AND AS IT FIGHTS FOR EQUAL DIGNITY AND RESPECT (2021-12-01/R-0.1)**

WHEREAS, Transgender Day of Remembrance is an annual event intended to memorialize and uplift those who have lost their lives as a result of transphobic violence; and

WHEREAS, the United States is currently experiencing an epidemic of violence against transgender people; and

WHEREAS, Transgender Day of Remembrance was created following the 1998 murder 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, 2021 marks the deadliest years on record for hate violence against the transgender community; and

WHEREAS, at least 48 transgender or gender nonconforming people have been violently killed in the US in 2021; and

WHEREAS, violence against transgender Americans disproportionately targets transgender women of color; and

WHEREAS, many incidences of violence against transgender individuals are unreported or misreported; and

WHEREAS, transgender Americans face stigma and discrimination, higher rates of unemployment, and barriers to housing and health care; and

WHEREAS, transgender students are significantly more likely to experience bullying or harassment at school due to their gender identity; and

WHEREAS, almost half of all transgender people in the US will attempt suicide at one point in their lifetime, a rate that is eight times higher than the rest of the US population; and

WHEREAS, the transgender community has shown great resilience in the face of adversity in all aspects of their lives, including housing, education, employment, and health care; and

WHEREAS, the transgender community has demonstrated tremendous leadership since the courageous actions of many community members, including Marsha P. Johnson, at the Stonewall uprising of 1969.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Town of Chapel Hill that the Town of Chapel Hill acknowledges and mourns the lives of Transgender and Gender Non-conforming people we've lost in the last year due to violence; recognizes the crisis of increased violence against transgender people, particularly transgender women of color; and celebrates the resilience and power of Transgender and Gender Non-conforming community and as it fights for equal dignity and respect.

This the 1<sup>st</sup> day of December, 2021.