


Councilmember David Grosso

A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

To recognize the Transgender Day of Remembrance, to celebrate the resilience of transgender individuals, and to declare Tuesday, November 20, 2018, as “Transgender Day of Remembrance” in the District of Columbia.

WHEREAS, transgender individuals face disproportionately high rates and severity of violence, and the vast majority of transgender women murdered and attacked each year are African American or Latina, requiring that the continued commitment to fight racism be a critical component of efforts to protect transgender lives;

WHEREAS, 2017 and 2018 to date have been characterized by a dramatic increase in violence against transgender, lesbian, gay, and bisexual individuals, part of a national trend of increased bias-motivated violence;

WHEREAS, the District of Columbia has a particularly alarming history of violence against transgender individuals including the murders of Deeniquia Dodds, Deoni Jones, Lashai Mclean, Tyli’a Mack, Elexius Woodland, Bella Evangelista, Emonie Spaulding, Stephanie Thomas, Ukea Davis and too many others;

WHEREAS, countless transgender individuals experienced violence and harassment this past year in the District of Columbia and the metropolitan area;

WHEREAS, the national political climate of recent years has demonized transgender people, including efforts to legalize discrimination against and remove protections for transgender individuals;

WHEREAS, the District of Columbia strives to be a city that is welcoming and safe for all residents and visitors, including transgender people;

37 WHEREAS, the Transgender Day of Remembrance is held on November 20 around the
38 world to memorialize those killed due to anti-transgender hatred or prejudice;

39 WHEREAS, Transgender Day of Remembrance is also a time to recognize the resilience
40 of transgender communities and individuals, and to celebrate those who are living and fighting
41 against hatred; and

42 WHEREAS, the D.C. transgender community and allies have commemorated
43 Transgender Day of Remembrance since 2001, growing from a small group of activists to an
44 event that attracts hundreds of participants and attendance from government officials.

45 RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, that this
46 resolution may be cited as the “Transgender Day of Remembrance Recognition Resolution of
47 2018”.

48 Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia recognizes the contributions of the
49 transgender community, its vulnerability to violence, and the resilience of transgender individuals,
50 and declares Tuesday, November 20, 2018 as “Transgender Day of Remembrance”.

51 Sec. 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon the first date of publication in
52 the District of Columbia Register.