

**JOINT RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING
TRANSGENDER AWARENESS WEEK AND DAY OF
REMEMBRANCE IN SALT LAKE CITY**

WHEREAS, *Transgender Awareness Week is a time for transgender people and their allies to act and bring attention to the community by educating the public and advancing advocacy around the issues of prejudice, discrimination and violence that affect the transgender community; and*

WHEREAS, *in 1999, Gwendolyn Ann Smith, a transgender woman, created the first Transgender Day of Remembrance in honor of Rita Hester and other transgender people who have lost their lives to violence; and*

WHEREAS, *Transgender Day of Remembrance is a solemn, yet vital occasion observed annually to memorialize and reflect upon the lives lost to acts of transphobic violence and discrimination; and*

WHEREAS, *Transgender Day of Remembrance also offers us an opportunity to celebrate the vibrant and diverse transgender community, acknowledging the incredible contributions, achievements, and resilience of transgender individuals; and*

WHEREAS, *Salt Lake City is committed to promoting equality, justice, and inclusion for all and highlighting transgender voices, stories, and experiences; and*

WHEREAS, *Salt Lake City has the responsibility to promote prosperity for all members of the transgender community; and*

WHEREAS, *Salt Lake City is proud to stand against the discrimination of transgender people.*

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED

that the Salt Lake City Council and Mayor of Salt Lake City strongly value the lives and contributions of transgender people; express a commitment to stand against the stigma facing transgender people; honor those lives that have been lost as a result of transphobic violence throughout the United States of America and the world; and formally recognize the week of November 13 through 19, 2024, as Transgender Awareness Week, and Wednesday, November 20, 2024, as Transgender Day of Remembrance.

Adopted this 19th day of November, 2024.

