

# SALT LAKE CITY CORPORATION

## Resolution

### **JOINT RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING NOVEMBER 20<sup>TH</sup> AS TRANSGENDER DAY OF REMEMBRANCE IN SALT LAKE CITY**

**WHEREAS,** *in 1998, Rita Hester, a transgender woman of color was murdered in Allston, Massachusetts; and*

**WHEREAS,** *the following year, 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 observed annually to memorialize those lives that have been lost as a result of transphobic violence; and*

**WHEREAS,** *according to the Human Rights Campaign (HRC), at least 32 transgender or gender non-conforming people have died due to transphobic violence in the United States in 2022, as of November 4; and*

**WHEREAS,** *the true number of victims is unknown because of intentional misgendering and the difficulty identifying the bodies of many victims; and*

**WHEREAS,** *transgender individuals — especially transgender people of color — continue to be disproportionately affected by education discrimination, employment discrimination, bullying, limited access to healthcare, domestic violence, homelessness, economic instability, and poverty; and*

**WHEREAS,** *the transgender community has been particularly hard-hit by the continuing effects of the COVID-19 Pandemic; and*

**WHEREAS,** *since 2006, Transgender Education Advocates (TEA) of Utah has organized a vigil in Salt Lake City every year; and*

**WHEREAS,** *Salt Lake City values the lives and contributions to our community by transgender people; and*

**WHEREAS,** *Salt Lake City has the responsibility to promote equality and 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; 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 Saturday, November 20, 2022, as Transgender Day of Remembrance.*

Adopted this 10<sup>th</sup> day of November 2022

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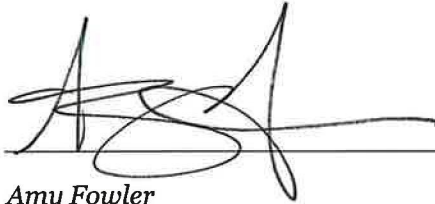
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