

# Proclamation

WHEREAS, Transgender Day of Remembrance, observed annually on November 20, honors the memory of transgender and gender expansive individuals whose lives were lost tragically and inhumanely in acts of violence, with at least 27 transgender and gender-expansive people killed in the United States in 2024 alone; and

WHEREAS, Anti-transgender bigotry and violence against transgender individuals, 74% of whom were BIPOC, continues to be a national crisis, especially as black transgender women face a significantly higher risk of fatal violence, accounting for 48% of the murders of transgender and gender expansive people in 2024; and

WHEREAS, More than two million transgender people in the United States continue to endure disproportionate levels of discrimination, housing instability and employment challenges, with studies showing that nearly one in four transgender people has faced discrimination at work, and one in five transgender individuals has experienced homelessness in their lifetime; and

WHEREAS, Ramsey County stands committed to fostering a community of inclusivity and safety, ensuring that all residents, including and especially those at the intersection of diverse racial, ethnic, gender identities and expressions, have access to equal rights, resources and opportunities to thrive without fear; and

WHEREAS, Ramsey County acknowledge the resilience, strength, and contributions of transgender and gender expansive individuals in Ramsey County, and recognize that now more than ever transgender and gender-expansive individuals need active, informed Ramsey County allies to help them in their fight for equality and justice; and

WHEREAS, On this day, Ramsey County reaffirms its dedication to advancing policies and initiatives that support and protect the transgender community, while remembering those Ramsey County has lost, and committing to building a future where transgender individuals are no longer targets of intimate partner violence, gun violence and murders based on anti-transgender hatred; Now, Therefore, Be It

PROCLAIMED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners declares November 20, 2024, as Transgender Day of Remembrance in Ramsey County, encouraging all residents to reflect on the impact of anti-transgender violence and join in efforts to promote safety, equity, and respect for all.



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