

## **TRANSGENDER DAY OF REMEMBRANCE NOVEMBER 20, 2020**

**WHEREAS**, the Transgender Day of Remembrance was set aside in 1998 to memorialize those who were killed due to anti-transgender hatred or prejudice, and is currently held around the world every November 20th, as a day of honoring and supporting transgender individuals and calling attention to the ongoing epidemic of violence and transphobia, especially against transgender women of color; and

**WHEREAS**, the 22nd Annual International Transgender Day of Remembrance seeks to remember and mourn the loss of transgender and gender non-conforming individuals killed around the world over the previous twelve months, and, so far in 2020, there have been 34 verified transgender homicides in the U.S. an increase of 54% over 2019; and

**WHEREAS**, Suicide is the 2nd leading cause of death among young people ages 10 to 24, with the rate of suicide attempts 4 times greater for LGB youth and 2 times greater for questioning youth; and nearly half of transgender youth have seriously thought about taking their lives, with one quarter reporting having made a suicide attempt, 82 percent reporting they feel unsafe at school, 44 percent had been physically assaulted, and 67 percent had been bullied online; and

**WHEREAS**, Trans and gender non-conforming people should not have to fear violence and discrimination for the simple act of living authentically and expressing their preferred gender identity; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Fremont is home to TransVision, the premier support and service provider founded in 2002 to provide its patients across the Bay Area working to give transgender specific healthcare access, hormone and surgery referral, STI screening and care, legal name and gender change assistance, and other transition assistance, and that TransVision has assisted thousands of unique individuals since opening as the only Bay Area clinic outside of San Francisco, and that TransVision has been a safe haven for those of the trans community; and

**WHEREAS**, the people of Fremont actively dedicate themselves to the principles of human rights, individual freedom, equal protection under the laws of a just and democratic society, and to remain vigilant against hatred and persecution.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the City Council of the City of Fremont, proclaims November 20, 2020, as Transgender Day of Remembrance in Fremont, California, thereby remembering and honoring the lives of those who were victims of violence based on bias against transgender and gender non-conforming people.