

Proposed: 11/20/2023

RESOLUTION NO. 192-2023(COTW),
First Reading

By President Hart

A Resolution recognizing November 20, 2023 as *Transgender Day of Remembrance* in the City of Cleveland Heights; and declaring the necessity that this legislation become immediately effective as an emergency measure.

WHEREAS, the City of Cleveland Heights recognizes the right of transgender people to live authentically and openly without the fear of discrimination or violence; and

WHEREAS, the City of Cleveland Heights remembers the names of the transgender people whose lives we know have been taken due to anti-transgender violence in 2023—though these crimes are often misreported, go underreported, or are not reported at all:

- **London Price**, a Black trans woman, killed in Miami-Dade County, Florida on October 23, 2023. She was 26 years old.
- **Lisa Love**, a Black trans woman, killed in Chicago, Illinois on October 17, 2023. She was 35 years old.
- **A'nee Johnson**, a Black trans woman, killed in Washington, DC on October 14, 2023. She was 30 years old.
- **Dominic Dupree (also known as Dominic Palace)**, a Black gender-nonconforming person, killed in Chicago, Illinois on October 13, 2023. They were 25 years old.
- **Chyna Long**, a Black trans woman, killed in Milwaukee, Wisconsin on October 8, 2023. She was 30 years old.
- **YOKO (YOUONLYKNOWONE)**, a Black nonbinary, killed in New Orleans, Louisiana on September 19, 2023. They were 30 years old.
- **Kylie Monali**, a trans woman, killed in Murrietta, California on September 7, 2023. She was 41 years old.
- **Luis Ángel Díaz Castro**, a Latino transgender man, killed in San Juan, Puerto Rico on August 12, 2023. He was 22 years old.
- **Thomas “Tom-Tom” Robertson**, a Black gender nonconforming person, killed in Calumet City, Illinois on August 17, 2023. They were 28 years old.
- **De’Vonnie J’Rae Johnson**, a Black trans woman, killed in Los Angeles, California on August 7, 2023. She was 28 years old.
- **Jacob Williamson**, a white trans man, killed in Monroe, North Carolina on June 30, 2023. He was 18 years old.
- **Chanell Perez Ortiz**, a Latina trans woman, killed in Carolina, Puerto Rico on June 25, 2023. She was 29 years old.

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- **Ashia Davis (also known as Asia Davis)**, a Black trans woman, killed in Detroit Michigan on June 2, 2023. She was 24 years old.
- **Banko Brown (also known as Banko Paso)**, a Black trans man, killed in San Francisco, California on April 27, 2023. He was 24 years old.
- **Rasheeda “Koko Da Doll” Williams**, a Black trans woman, killed in Atlanta, Georgia on April 18, 2023. She was 35 years old.
- **Ashley Burton**, a Black trans woman, killed in Atlanta, Georgia on April 11, 2023. She was 37 years old.
- **Tasiyah “Siyah” Woodland**, a Black trans woman, killed in St. Mary’s County, Maryland on March 24, 2023. She was 18 years old.
- **Tortuguita**, an Indigenous queer and non-binary individual, killed in Atlanta, Georgia on January 18, 2023. They were 26 years old.
- **Cashay B. Henderson**, a Black trans woman, killed in Milwaukee, Wisconsin on February 26, 2023. She was 31 years old.
- **Maria Fer**, a Latina trans woman, killed in Houston, Texas on January 21, 2023. She was 22 years old.
- **Jasmine “Star” Mack**, a Black trans woman, killed in Washington, DC on January 7, 2023. She was 36 years old.
- **Unique Banks**, a Latina trans woman, killed in Chicago, Illinois on January 23, 2023. She was 21 years old.

WHEREAS, bias, violence, and systemic oppression against transgender people remains unacceptably prevalent; and

WHEREAS, incarceration, homelessness, poverty, and addiction have a disproportionate impact on transgender individuals, particularly transgender women of color, and persistently result in the loss of lives; and

WHEREAS, violence against transgender people is fostered by the unprecedented wave of laws across the country that discriminate against, stigmatize, and criminalize transgender people, accompanied by ever-increasing hateful rhetoric against the transgender community; and

WHEREAS, transgender people and their allies are pushing back against such discriminatory laws, transphobic rhetoric, and hate violence; and

WHEREAS, transgender people have the same human rights as all people to live free from violence and discrimination, pursuing a life of joy, dignity, and aspirations for a future with respect and love as any other person;

WHEREAS, the City of Cleveland Heights commemorates *Transgender Day of Remembrance* and join with communities and organizations here and around the world to observe *Transgender Day of Remembrance* on November 20, 2023.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CELVELAND HEIGHTS, THAT:

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SECTION 1. This Council does hereby recognize November 20, 2023 as *Transgender Day of Remembrance* in Cleveland Heights.

SECTION 2. Notice of the passage of this Resolution shall be given by publishing the title and abstract of contents, prepared by the Director of Law, once in one newspaper of general circulation in the City of Cleveland Heights.

SECTION 3. It is necessary that this Resolution become immediately effective as an emergency measure necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, and safety of the inhabitants of the City of Cleveland Heights, such emergency being the need to join with other communities in recognizing *Transgender Day of Remembrance* on a timely basis. Wherefore, provided it receives the affirmative vote of five (5) or more of the members elected or appointed to this Council, this Resolution shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its passage; otherwise, it shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest time allowed by law.

MELODY JOY HART
President of the Council

ADDIE BALESTER
Clerk of Council

PASSED:

Presented to Mayor: _____ Approved by Mayor: _____

KAHLIL SEREN
Mayor