

RESOLUTION

Board of Hennepin County Commissioners

RESOLUTION: 25-0498

At a meeting of the Board of Hennepin County Commissioners, a motion was made by Commissioner Fernando, and seconded by Commissioner Greene, that the Resolution be adopted. The motion passed.

WHEREAS, Transgender Day of Remembrance is an annual observance in November that honors the memory of transgender people around the world whose lives were cut short by anti-transgender violence; and

WHEREAS, this annual observance provides a platform for transgender communities and allies to raise awareness of the threat of violence faced by transgender, nonbinary, and gender nonconforming people, as well as the persistence of anti-transgender prejudice that permeates our society; and

WHEREAS, there have been a record number of transgender and gender nonconforming people killed across the United States, including 68 people in 2022, 76 in 2023, 73 in 2024, and at least 35 in 2025 according to the Trans Lives Matter, and

WHEREAS, transgender people have been attacked and murdered simply because of their gender identity, gender expression, or because of hatred of a transgender person's appearance, and

WHEREAS, research and advocacy organizations including the National Center for Transgender Equity, the National Sexual Violence Resource Center, and Human Rights Watch find that transgender persons, especially black transgender women, are at extreme risk of being the target of violent acts, and

WHEREAS, across the nation since 2021, states have enacted 306 anti-transgender bills, and

WHEREAS, of the over 1,000 anti-transgender bills introduced in state legislatures in 2025, including Minnesota, 107 have passed so far, and

WHEREAS, currently 27 states have active restrictions on medical care for transgender people, and

WHEREAS, a growing number of bills across the nation seek to specifically ban gender-affirming health care for minors, and

WHEREAS, the State of Minnesota, through state law, administrative regulation, and Gubernatorial executive orders in 2023, declared itself a refuge for transgender people, and

WHEREAS, Hennepin County recognizes that transgender employees, residents and members of our communities are disproportionately affected by hate crimes and violence and experience compounding challenges in their daily lives due to discrimination, disproportionately high levels of

unemployment, and limited access to health care; and

WHEREAS, by observing the Transgender Day of Remembrance, Hennepin County recognizes and celebrates transgender, gender nonconforming, and nonbinary people and honors the memory of people who are transgender whose lives were lost in acts of anti-transgender violence.

Resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, the Hennepin County Board of Commissioners, do hereby proclaim Thursday, November 20, 2025, as Transgender Day of Remembrance; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Hennepin County Board of Commissioners declares Hennepin County a Safe Place for transgender, gender nonconforming, gender expansive, lesbian, gay, bisexual, intersex, queer and questioning persons, and in doing so condemns acts of violence, intimidation, and harm against such persons.

Recommendation from County Administrator: Recommend Approval

RESOLUTION ADOPTED ON 11/18/2025

The question was on the adoption of the resolution with the votes as follows:

Aye: 7 Commissioner Fernando, Commissioner Greene, Commissioner Conley, Commissioner Lunde, Commissioner Edelson, Commissioner Anderson, and Commissioner Goettel

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