PROCLAMATION

National Transgender Day of Remembrance

WHEREAS, Transgender Day of Remembrance, to honor the memory of those whose lives were lost in acts of anti-transgender violence, is an annual event which began in 1998 with a vigil to honor the memory of Rita Hester, a transgender woman who was murdered, and which now honors all transgender people lost to violence; and

WHEREAS, our entire community is diminished when we lose the talents and contributions of any member of our community prematurely, whether due to direct anti-transgender violence or due to suicide or other health or mental health effects resulting from trauma and/or discrimination; and

WHEREAS, although we are proud of the existing protections we have in place for transgender individuals, we reaffirm an ongoing commitment to promote their full inclusion into our community; and

WHEREAS, we recognize the violence, marginalization and stigmatization of all transgender people – particularly transgender people of color – is important and that attention to these issues is an extremely integral aspect of growth, advocacy, and community cohesion; and

WHEREAS, we honor the bravery and resilience of all transgender individuals who live, work or play in our county, and we encourage them to live their lives authentically, true to themselves, and most importantly, peacefully;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Redlands does hereby proclaim November 20, 2022, as "National Transgender Day of Remembrance", and calls on our community to reflect upon the importance each individual has in our lives.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we hereunto affix our signatures and Official Seal of the City of Redlands on this 15th day of November. 2022.

Paul T. Barich, Mayor

Denise Davis, Council Member

Jenna Guzman-Lowery, Council Member

Attest:

Jeanne Donaldson, City Clerk