

1 [Declaring Transgender Day of Remembrance]

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3 **Resolution declaring November 20, 2002 as Transgender Day of Remembrance in**
4 **San Francisco and expressing support for the expansion of transgender**
5 **peoples' rights.**

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7 WHEREAS, Transgender Day of Remembrance is an annual event held in
8 November to memorialize those who have been killed due to anti-transgender hatred or
9 prejudice and has been recognized by the transgender community since 1998; and,

10 WHEREAS, On October 3rd 2002, seventeen year old Gwen Araujo of Newark,
11 California was brutally murdered for living as a young woman; and,

12 WHEREAS, According to the Gender Education and Advocacy, Gwen Araujo
13 represents the world's 25th death this year which resulted from violence against people
14 who do not fit into traditional gender roles; and,

15 WHEREAS, Ms. Araujo should be remembered not for being a victim of hate,
16 but for her beauty, liveliness, and her courage to live as herself; and,

17 WHEREAS, Despite the San Francisco Bay Area's reputation as one of the
18 most tolerant places on Earth, this horrific murder underscores the existence of
19 transphobic sentiments in our own community; and,

20 WHEREAS, For in her death, as in Matthew Shephard's death, as in Brandon
21 Teena's death, as in Harvey Milk's death, she may have done more than she ever
22 knew to further the cause of equality for those who are different; and,

23 WHEREAS, A day to specifically remember transgender murders will help raise
24 public awareness of the shockingly high rate of violence against those who must live
25 outside traditional norms of gender identity; and,

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1 WHEREAS, The news media, while increasing coverage of hate crimes over the
2 past decade, has seldom focused on the high incidence and intense brutality of
3 violence against the transgender community which must live in fear in every locality
4 and jurisdiction in this country; now, therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San
6 Francisco hereby declares November 20, 2002 to be Transgender Remembrance Day
7 and specifically memorializes Gwen Araujo for her remarkable courage to live true to
8 herself; and, be it,

9 FURTHER RESOLVED, That this Board of Supervisors affirms its full support
10 for the further expansion of transgendered peoples' rights in America and honors the
11 efforts of transgendered people to secure protections from violence under the law.

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November 12, 2002 Board of Supervisors — ADOPTED

Ayes: 9 - Ammiano, Daly, Gonzalez, Hall, Maxwell, McGoldrick, Newsom, Peskin, Sandoval
Absent: 2 - Leno, Yee

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on November 12, 2002 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

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Date Approved

Gloria L. Young
Clerk of the Board

Mayor Willie L. Brown Jr.