

By the Honorable Ellen Corbett, 10th Senatorial District;
and the Honorable Sandré R. Swanson, 16th Assembly District;
Relative to

Alameda County *Transgender Day of Remembrance*

WHEREAS, Tri-City Health Center and the TransVision program are hosting the third annual Alameda County Transgender Day of Remembrance in Oakland on November 16, 2008, and it is appropriate to draw the attention of the public to the challenges, discrimination, and violence that transgender people often face and memorialize the lives of those who might otherwise be forgotten; and

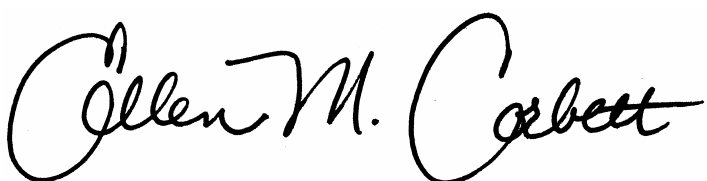
WHEREAS, Conceived in 1999 as a way to draw attention to the issue of anti-transgender violence, Transgender Day of Remembrance was initially created by Gwedolyn Smith to mark the one year anniversary of the death of a Massachusetts transgender woman, Rita Hester, whose death remains unsolved; and

WHEREAS, Memorializing transgender and gender-variant individuals killed due to anti-transgender violence over the previous 12 months, Transgender Day of Remembrance remembers victims of violence and hate crimes and recognizes HIV/AIDS, as well as tobacco-related illness, as two major health issues that have disproportionately affected transgender people living in Alameda County; and

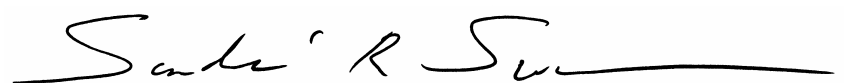
WHEREAS, The people of California must actively rededicate themselves to the principles of human rights, individual freedom, and equal protection under the laws of a just and democratic society; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY SENATOR ELLEN CORBETT AND ASSEMBLY MEMBER SANDRÉ R. SWANSON, That they recognize November 16, 2008, as Alameda County Transgender Day of Remembrance, join with residents in honoring the memory of those who might otherwise be forgotten, and encourage citizens of the State of California to remain vigilant against hatred and persecution.

Joint Member Resolution No. 640
Dated this 16th day of November, 2008.



Honorable Ellen Corbett
10th Senatorial District



Honorable Sandré R. Swanson
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