A PROCLAMATION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOLEDAD RECOGNIZING NOVEMBER 20TH AS TRANSGENDER DAY OF REMEMBRANCE

WHEREAS, Transgender Day of Remembrance, observed annually on November 20th, was established in 1999 to honor the memory of transgender individuals whose lives have been lost to acts of violence; and

WHEREAS, this day serves as a solemn reminder of the challenges and discrimination that transgender and gender-diverse people continue to face, including violence, marginalization, and barriers to safety, opportunity, and well-being; and

WHEREAS, recognizing Transgender Day of Remembrance encourages greater understanding, compassion, and respect for the dignity and humanity of all individuals, regardless of gender identity or expression; and

WHEREAS, raising awareness about the experiences of transgender community members supports efforts to reduce stigma, promote acceptance, and foster communities where every person can live authentically and safely; and

WHEREAS, Transgender Day of Remembrance honors the resilience, strength, and contributions of transgender individuals, and reaffirms the importance of standing together against hatred, prejudice, and violence in all forms;

NOW THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Soledad Does Hereby Proclaim November 20th as TRANSGENDER DAY OF REMEMBRANCE. During this time, we honor the memory of those whose lives were taken by anti-transgender violence, support the well-being of transgender individuals in our community, and reaffirm our commitment to fostering safety, understanding, and inclusion for all.

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