



## **Belmont Select Board Approves Proclamation On Transgender Awareness Month and Transgender Day of Remembrance**

The Belmont Select Board approved the recognition of November 20<sup>th</sup> as Transgender Day of Remembrance and November as Transgender Awareness Month. These were observed by numerous events that brought greater awareness to the Belmont community about the lives of transgender people as they gain greater recognition and acceptance while at the same time continuing to face the possibility and reality of prejudice, harassment, and violence. The Belmont Human Rights Commission will continue to work with the Select Board to ensure that the Belmont community is welcoming, inclusive, and equitable to all people.

### **Proclamation**

WHEREAS: On November 20<sup>th</sup> the world marks Transgender Day of Remembrance, to honor the lives that have been lost to anti-transgender hate and violence over the past year;

WHEREAS: Transgender Awareness Month is celebrated annually in November to uplift the voices and bring awareness to the experiences of the transgender community;

WHEREAS: The Town of Belmont honors and celebrates the achievements and resiliency of transgender individuals and communities;

WHEREAS: All human beings are born free and equal in dignity and rights. The Town of Belmont is committed to supporting dignity, equality, and justice for all transgender individuals;

WHEREAS: The Town of Belmont recognizes as essential the need for the education and awareness of the public regarding transgender lives and their experiences, in order to end discrimination, prejudice, hate, and violence;

WHEREAS: Celebrating Transgender Day of Remembrance and Transgender Awareness Month influences awareness and provides support and advocacy to the transgender community and is an opportunity to take action and to engage in dialogue to build acceptance and advance equal rights.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Select Board of the Town of Belmont hereby proclaims November 20<sup>th</sup> as the Transgender Day of Remembrance to honor and memorialize the transgender lives lost to anti-transgender hate and violence.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Select Board of the Town of Belmont hereby proclaims November as Transgender Awareness Month in support of the transgender community and their loved ones, and its commitment to the values of diversity, inclusion, dignity, and justice for all transgender individuals who live, work, and visit our town.

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The Belmont Human Rights Commission is dedicated to fighting discrimination in all forms and to increase visibility and awareness of issues regarding diversity and discrimination to all citizens. Please contact us at [belmont.hrc@gmail.com](mailto:belmont.hrc@gmail.com) or call 617-993-2795.