

TOWNSHIP OF MAPLEWOOD

ESSEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY



VICTOR DE LUCA
MAYOR

PROCLAMATION

Transgender Day of Remembrance; Transgender Awareness Week

WHEREAS, Transgender Day of Remembrance (TDOR) is an annual observance on November 20th that honors the memory of those whose lives were lost in acts of anti-transgender violence; and

WHEREAS, Transgender Day of Remembrance was started in 1999 by transgender advocate Gwendolyn Ann Smith as a vigil to honor the memory of Rita Hester, a transgender woman who was killed in 1998, and began an important tradition that has become the annual Transgender Day of Remembrance; and

WHEREAS, in 2017 more transgender people were the victims of homicide in the United States than in any other year since the National Coalition of Anti-Violence Programs began tracking their deaths in 2010; they were overwhelmingly people of color, casualties of what the Human Rights Campaign calls an "epidemic of violence that occurs at the intersections of racism, sexism and transphobia."; and

WHEREAS, 85 % of those transgender homicide victims last year were misgendered in official reports of their deaths; and

WHEREAS, Transgender Day of Remembrance and Transgender Awareness Week (from Nov 19 – 25th) serve to also promote awareness, visibility, advocacy, and celebration of community of intersecting minority identities who face the bulk of such violence, including trans people of color, trans people who identify outside the gender binary, and trans people with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, Maplewood is a diverse and inclusive community in which our residents take great pride in our diversity and believe in the safety, prosperity, equality and hope for all who live or work in our town; and

WHEREAS; the people of Maplewood recognize the human rights of all citizens and support an end to all forms of prejudice, discrimination, and violence;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Dean Dafis, Committeeman of the Township of Maplewood, along with Mayor Victor De Luca and on behalf of the entire Township Committee of Maplewood, do hereby proclaim November 20th TRANSGENDER DAY OF REMEMBRANCE, and November 19th through November 25th, TRANSGENDER WEEK OF AWARENESS in the Township of Maplewood and call upon our residents to join us in celebrating our trans community in Maplewood and increasing awareness of prejudice, bullying, and violence against our transgender neighbors.

Elizabeth J. Fritzen, Township Clerk

Victor De Luca, Mayor

United States of America

India Monroe, aka India Thedarkvixen
Newport News, Virginia, USA
21-Dec-16
Multiple gunshot wounds.

Mesha Caldwell
Canton, Mississippi, USA
4-Jan-17
Shot to death

Jamie Lee Wounded Arrow
Sioux Falls, South Dakota, USA
7-Jan-17
Undetermined

Jojo Striker
Toledo, Ohio, USA
8-Feb-17
Shot to death

Jaquarius Holland
Monroe, Louisiana, USA
19-Feb-17
Shot

Tiara Richmond aka Keke Collier
Chicago, Illinois, USA
21-Feb-17
Shot

Chyna Gibson, aka Chyna Doll Dupree
New Orleans, Louisiana, USA
25-Feb-17
Shot to death

Ciara McElveen
New Orleans, Louisiana, USA
27-Feb-17
Multiple stab wounds.

Alphonza Watson
Baltimore, Maryland, USA
22-Mar-17
Shot to death

Kenne McFadden
San Antonio, Texas, USA
9-Apr-17
Drowned

Chay "Juicy" Reed
Miami, Florida, USA
21-Apr-17
Shot to death

Mx. Bostick
New York, New York, USA
4-May-17

Attacked with a metal pipe on the 24th of April.

Note: There has been a lot of confusion as to the gender identity of this individual. What we do know is that they were born male, and that they did for a period of time live as a female. At the time of their death, they were homeless and presenting as male. As such, we have put a gender neutral designator on this name, and are using they/them pronouns. As with every case presented, any additional information would be desired.

Sherrell Faulkner
Charlotte, North Carolina, USA
16-May-17

Passed away from injuries sustained in a November 30th, 2016 attack

Imer Alvarado
Fresno, CA
17-May-17
Shot

Note: Alvarado did not identify as a transgender woman, but as a gay male. He was, nevertheless, presenting in female attire at the time of his murder, and this may have had a part in this death.

Kendra Adams, aka Josie Berrios and Kimbella Rosé
Ithaca, New York, USA
13-Jun-17
Murdered and burnt

Ebony Morgan
Lynchburg, Virginia, USA
2-Jul-17
Multiple gunshot wounds

TeeTee Dangerfield
College Park, Georgia, USA
1-Aug-17
Multiple gunshot wounds.

Gwynevere River Song
Waxahachie, Texas, USA
12-Aug-17
Shot

Kiwi Herring
Saint Louis, Missouri, USA
22-Aug-17
Shot by police in suspicious circumstances
Note: While Herring was killed by the St. Louis Police Department, allegedly while brandishing a knife at officers, there were circumstances surrounding this death that were anti-transgender in nature, including threats and actions from a neighbor that led to the confrontation that led to Herring's death.

Anthony "Bubbles" Torres
San Francisco, California, USA
9-Sep-17
Shot
Note: Like Imer Alvarado, above, Bubbles did not identify as a transgender woman. He was, nevertheless, presenting in feminine attire at the time of his murder, and this may have had a hand in this death.

Derricka Banner
Charlotte, North Carolina, USA
12-Sep-17
Shot to death

Ally Lee Steinfeld
Licking, Missouri, USA
21-Sep-17
Ally was stabbed, including wounds to the genitals. Her eyes were also gouged out. Her body was burned in an attempt to conceal evidence of the crime, and some of Ally's bones were put into a garbage bag placed in a chicken coop near the residence.

Stephanie Montez
Robstown, Texas, USA
26-Oct-17
Multiple gunshot wounds

Candace Towns.
Macon, Georgia, USA
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