State of Wisconsin
2025 - 2026 LEGISLATURE

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2025 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 115

December 12, 2025 - Introduced by Senators RATCLIFF, SPREITZER, CARPENTER, ROYS, DASSLER-ALFHEIM, LARSON and DRAKE, cosponsored by Representatives SNODGRASS, NEUBAUER, CRUZ, PHELPS, RIVERA-WAGNER, STROUD, UDELL, CLANCY, ARNEY, BARE, MOORE OMOKUNDE, SUBECK, ANDERSON, JOERS, PALMERI, MADISON, PRADO, ROE, MCCARVILLE, VINING, DESMIDT, BROWN, EMERSON, MIRESSE, SINICKI and ANDRACA. Referred to Committee on Senate Organization.

AUTHORS SUBJECT TO CHANGE

Relating to: proclaiming November 20 in 2025 and 2026 as Wisconsin's Transgender Day of Remembrance.

Whereas, Transgender Day of Remembrance, which occurs annually on November 20, is a day to memorialize those who have been murdered as a result of transphobia and to bring attention to the continued violence endured by the transgender and nonbinary community; and

Whereas, Transgender Day of Remembrance was founded in 1999 by Gwendolyn Ann Smith, a transgender woman, to memorialize the murder of transgender woman Rita Hester in Allston, Massachusetts; and

Whereas, since its inception, Transgender Day of Remembrance has evolved into an international day of action; and

Whereas, the American Medical Association recognizes the violence that transgender and nonbinary people face in our society as an epidemic; and

Whereas, transgender Americans face discrimination and violence at

unacceptable rates, and in 2023, the Human Rights Campaign received reports of at least 33 fatal incidents against transgender and gender-expansive people; and

Whereas, in 2024, at least 30 transgender or gender-expansive people were reported killed; and

Whereas, the American value of self-determination is under attack when a transgender person is murdered in a crime of hate; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring, That the Wisconsin Legislature does hereby recognize and proclaim November 20 in 2025 and 2026 to be Wisconsin's Transgender Day of Remembrance.

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