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******* STATEMENT*******

**San Francisco Human Rights Commission Director Reflects on
the Observance of Transgender Day of Remembrance**

San Francisco, CA- San Francisco Human Rights Commission (HRC) Executive Director Theresa Sparks issued the following statement regarding the 17th Annual Transgender Day of Remembrance:

“As organized movements toward increased equality and acceptance continue to empower many of our historically marginalized communities, the Transgender Community remains vulnerable to the clutches of hate and intolerance often resulting in unspeakable violence and death. On this Day of Remembrance we must be steadfast in giving voice to our fallen brothers and sisters who remain our heroes for having the resolve to stand firm in the face of bigotry, injustice, and death in order for those who follow may live their lives out loud and their truth to the fullest extent.

I am pleased to join in with my friends and colleagues in San Francisco (the birth place of Transgender Day of Remembrance) and across our great nation as we celebrate the lives and legacy of these freedom fighters in hopes that the need for this type of occasion is soon eradicated from our social conscious. “