

# CITY OF SPOKANE



## PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, transgender individuals are four times more likely to experience violence and more than twice as likely to be victims of sexual violence, leading to 290 reported transgender deaths in 2024 so far, particularly affecting transgender people of color. Trans deaths continue to be underreported because many families either didn't know or didn't accept that their deceased loved one was transgender; and

**WHEREAS**, Transgender Day of Remembrance serves as a tribute to those transgender persons who have suffered harm or lost their lives due to anti-trans violence. Trans Day of Remembrance was first observed in 1999 and is now observed in 185 cities worldwide; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Spokane is committed to supporting transgender persons by promoting their well-being, safety, and opportunity to thrive. Achieving equal rights requires that allies actively engage with the transgender community, amplify transgender voices, educate themselves on transgender experiences, and advocate for resources that assist transgender individuals:

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Lisa Brown, Mayor of the City of Spokane, on behalf of the people of Spokane, do hereby proclaim November 20, 2024 as

### TRANSGENDER DAY OF REMEMBRANCE

in Spokane.

I, Lisa Brown, Mayor of Spokane,  
do hereunto set my hand and  
cause the seal of the City of Spokane  
to be affixed this  
18th day of November 2024.

*Lisa Brown*

Lisa Brown  
Mayor

