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 323 worldwide transgender deaths this year, particularly affecting transgender people of color. Trans deaths continue and are even more undercounted this year, as an executive order was set in place resulting in the federal government no longer collecting data regarding trans related incidents; 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, because we believe in a Spokane where all people belong:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Lisa Brown, Mayor of the City of Spokane, on behalf of the people of Spokane, do hereby proclaim November 20, 2025 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 2025.

Lisa Brown Mayor