The Episcopal Diocese
of Northern California

Proclamation in Support of 2025 Transgender Awareness Week and Transgender Day of Remembrance

WHEREAS, the Episcopal Church believes that all people are created in the image of God and are worthy of love, dignity, and respect; and

WHEREAS, the Episcopal Diocese of Northern California affirms the inherent worth of transgender and gender-diverse people as beloved children of God; and

WHEREAS, discrimination and violence are increasing against all LGBTQIA+ people, especially those in the transgender community; and

WHEREAS, Transgender Awareness Week is observed to help increase understanding about transgender people and the issues members of the community face; and

WHEREAS , Transgender Awareness Week takes place the week before Transgender Day of Remembrance, which calls us to honor the lives of transgender individuals who have been killed by acts of hatred and violence; and

WHEREAS, Christians are called to stand with the marginalized, to speak against violence, and to seek justice and peace among all people; and

WHEREAS, Christ commands us to love one another, bearing one another's burdens and honoring each person's full humanity;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that the Episcopal Diocese of Northern California, its Commission for Intercultural Ministries and its Rainbow Ministry Team recognize November 13-19, 2025, as **Transgender Awareness Week** and November 20, 2025, as **Transgender Day of Remembrance** and commend both to the prayers and reflections of our congregations and communities; and

BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED that we commit ourselves to lament the violence suffered by transgender and gender-diverse people, to honor their lives, and to work toward a Church and a world where all people can live in safety, dignity, and peace.

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