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June 28, 2019 – Introduced by Senators CARPENTER, ERPENBACH, HANSEN, JOHNSON, LARSON, MILLER, RINGHAND, RISER, SMITH, L TAYLOR and WIRCH, cosponsored by Representatives SPREITZER, ZAMARRIPA, ANDERSON, BILLINGS, BOWEN, BROSTOFF, CABRERA, CROWLEY, EMERSON, FIELDS, GOUYE, GRUSZYNSKI, HEBL, HESSELBEIN, HINTZ, MILROY, NEUBAUER, OHNSTAD, RIEMER, SARGENT, SHANKLAND, STUBBS, STUCK, STUBECK, C TAYLOR, VINING and VRUWINK. Referred to Committee on Senate Organization.

Relating to: proclaiming November 20, 2019, 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 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 been held annually on November 20, and it has slowly evolved from the web-based project started by Smith into an international day of action; and

Whereas, Transgender Day of Remembrance has been observed in over 185 cities throughout more than 20 countries; and
Whereas, Transgender Day of Remembrance memorials traditionally include a reading of the names of those who lost their lives during the previous year, and may include other actions, such as candlelight vigils and marches; now, therefore, be it

**Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring, That** the Wisconsin Legislature does hereby recognize and proclaim November 20, 2019, to be Wisconsin’s Transgender Day of Remembrance.

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