2021 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 72

August 4, 2021 - Introduced by Representatives SPREITZER, NEUBAUER, CABRERA, SNODGRASS, BROSTOFF, CONLEY, CONSIDINE, EMERSON, GOYKE, HEBL, HESSELBEIN, HONG, MOORE OMOKUNDE, OHNSTAD, Riemer, S. RODRIGUEZ, SHANKLAND, SHELTON, SUBECK, VINING and POPE, cosponsored by Senators CARPENTER, AGARD, ROYS, JOHNSON, RINGHAND, SMITH, L. TAYLOR and LARSON. Referred to Committee on Rules.

Relating to: proclaiming November 20, 2021, 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 and nonbinary 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 evolved into an international day of action; and

Whereas, the American Medical Association recognizes the violence that transgender and nonbinary people face in our society as an epidemic; and

Whereas, transgender Americans face discrimination and violence at unacceptable rates, and in 2020, the Human Rights Campaign received a record
number of reports of fatal incidents against transgender and nonbinary people, with
at least 44 lives taken; and

Whereas, in the first six months of 2021, 29 transgender or nonbinary people
have been reported killed; and

Whereas, the American value of self-determination is under attack when a
transgender person is murdered in a crime of hate; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That the Wisconsin
Legislature does hereby recognize and proclaim November 20, 2021, to be
Wisconsin’s Transgender Day of Remembrance.

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