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We want to embrace the differences that help make us better together. The OEO believes diversity and inclusion are everyone's responsibility and we hope all state employees carry such responsibility with honor, courage, and passion. Visit oeo.mo.gov to learn more.

Transgender Day of Remembrance (TDOR) is an annual observance on Nov. 20 that honors the memory of the transgender people whose lives were lost in acts of anti-transgender violence. TDOR was started in 1999 by transgender advocate Gwendolyn Ann Smith as a vigil to honor the memory of Rita Hester.

"Transgender Day of Remembrance seeks to highlight the losses we face due to anti-transgender bigotry and violence. It is vitally important that those we lose are remembered, and that we continue to fight for justice."

– Transgender Day of Remembrance founder
Gwendolyn Ann Smith



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