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**Commemorating Trans Awareness Week 2016
and Transgender Day of Remembrance,
November 20, 2016**

***Theme for 2016 is "Spirit of Compton's Cafeteria Riot: Carrying
the Torch of Trans Liberation" #TDoRSF2016***

(San Francisco, CA, November 15, 2016) - A coalition of local nonprofit partners and transgender health and rights groups will be commemorating Trans Awareness week (November 14-20) and will be hosting the 18th annual [Transgender Day of Remembrance \(TDoR\)](#) on Sunday, November 20, 2016 at 3 p.m. at TRANS: THRIVE at API Wellness Center.

TDoR is a solemn tribute to those transgender individuals who have lost their lives to transphobia, racism, hatred, and prejudice. The day serves a purpose to raise awareness of the threat of abuse and violence faced on the transgender community, as well as their families, friends, and allies.

Despite recent community visibility and increase awareness of transgender issues in the media, over 25 trans people have been murdered in the United States this year - making it the deadliest in history. The level of violence targeting transgender and gender non-conforming people has become a national crisis, with 90 percent of the violence impacting transgender women of color.

This year, the TDoR committee is selling "["I Love Trans People" shirts](#)" to help raise monies for a memorial fund for low income trans people and support projects working to end violence against the transgender community.

TDoR is brought to you by a volunteer planning team and community partners, including:

- [El/La Para Trans Latinas](#)
- [Lyon Martin Health Services](#)
- [SF LGBT Center's Trans Employment Program](#)
- [TAJA's Coalition](#)
- [TRANS: THRIVE](#)
- [Transgender Law Center](#)

Volunteers needed: www.tdorsf.org/volunteer/

Event is ADA accessible. ASL and Spanish Translation will be provided. If you have questions please contact us at info@TDoRSF.org

About TDoR:

The Transgender Day of Remembrance was founded in 1999 by Gwendolyn Ann Smith, a trans activist, to memorialize the murder of Rita Hester in Allston, Massachusetts. Today TDoR is observed in over 200 cities throughout more than 20 countries. www.tdorsf.org

During Trans Awareness Week communities around the globe gather to raise visibility and work to end the violence against trans people.

Together we can put an end to the violence against trans people.

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