

PAVING THE WAY FOR TRANSGENDER AWARENESS

Looking at the past to honor the future, remembering those lost



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Transgender Day of Remembrance, observed Nov. 20, is a day to commemorate the lives of transgender individuals who have been killed due to transphobia. It was founded in 1999 by Gwendolyn Ann Smith following the murder of Black transgender woman Rita Hester. The day is observed by reading the names of those who were killed the previous year. TDOR falls the day after Transgender Awareness Week, which runs from Nov. 13-19.

- 1906**
Magnus Hirschfeld performs first gender affirming surgery
- 1931**
Dora Richster first trans woman to receive gender affirming care
- 1969**
Stone wall civilian riot against police
- 1972**
Sweden legalizes gender affirming care, but sterilization was necessary
- 1980**
Gender dysphoria becomes an official diagnosis
- 1992**
Althea Garrison elected the first trans state legislator
- 2000**
First public appearance of Trans Flag at pride parade
- 2009**
International Trans Day of Visibility
- 2013**
First discrimination law passes for schools in California
- 2020**
Megan Youngren is the first openly Trans Olympic trials athlete

Sylvia Rivera was a transgender rights activist who fought against the exclusion of transgender people, especially transgender people of color. Rivera was born in New York City in 1951. In 1963, Rivera met Marsha P. Johnson. The two were actively involved in the Stonewall Inn uprising on June 28, 1969.
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