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ATTN: Legislative Services

**City of Airdrie
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Dear Airdrie City Council,

Airdrie Pride is respectfully asking that the City of Airdrie observe and raise the Transgender flag for the 2024 Transgender Awareness Week happening between November 13-20, 2024, with specific recognition of the Transgender Day of Remembrance, which occurs on November 20, 2024.

Airdrie Pride has been exceptionally grateful for the City of Airdrie's proclamation and flag raising for this week since 2017. Please trust that this small action makes an incredible difference to many transgender and gender diverse individuals that call Airdrie home. These small gestures are important to reinforce the safety and security of our amazing community.

What is Transgender Awareness Week?

Transgender Awareness Week is a time for transgender people and their allies to take action and bring attention to the community by educating the public and advancing advocacy around the issues of prejudice, discrimination, and violence that transgender people face. The final day of Transgender Awareness Week is Transgender Day of Remembrance (TDOR), an annual observance on November 20 that honours the memory of those whose lives were lost in acts of anti-transgender violence

What is Transgender Day of Remembrance?

Transgender Day of Remembrance (TDOR) was started by transgender advocate Gwendolyn Ann Smith as a vigil to honour her memory of Rita Hester, a transgender woman who was killed in 1998. The vigil commemorated all the transgender people lost to violence that year and began an important memorial that has become the annual Transgender Day of Remembrance.

If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to reach out. We will happily supply a flag!

Warmly,

Rhianne Fiolka (she/her)
President
Airdrie Pride Society