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Transgender Day of Remembrance By Jennifer Gann

On November 20, 2000, transsexual Rita Hester was stabbed to death in her apartment in Boston, Massachusetts. Thus, Transgender Day of Remembrance was established to memorialize those killed due to transphobic hate. It has since become an annual observance.

Colorado was the first state to convict someone of a hate crime for the murder of a transgender person. Allen Andrade was found guilty of the brutal murder of 18 year old Angie Zapata.

Every November 20th, people of conscience should take a few minutes to sit down and contemplate the ugly consequences of trans-misogyny and patriarchal structures of religion and government.

What can we do to advance human rights and LGBTQ liberation? Get involved! Speak up against discriminatory attitudes and

confront incidents of hatred or violence toward transgender people. Support trans-prisoners who face such oppression on a regular basis.

Hundreds of trans-women are murdered every year all over the world, including Amerika. This is not civilized or acceptable behavior in any society.

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