

## **WAS supports this statement from our secretary Transgender Day of Remembrance**

Today is the transgender day of remembrance. Those of us who belong to this group of indigenous people know that we have been and still are, discriminated and pathologized in many societies, and that this has been apt to take the dignity away from many of us.

The same forces of discrimination and pathologization have induced shame, depression and suicide among us. Likewise these attitudes have in outermost consequence justified hate-crimes against us.

Far too many transtalented and transgifted individuals have died from own or others' hands because of this.

We shall always and especially today remember all those who have left us on grounds that do not reflect true humanity, but intentional or non-intentional evil.

We shall also remember all those whose life has been reduced in quality, whose talents were not cultivated, whose education was haltered, whose love life was dismissed, whose families rejected them, whose happiness was out of reach.

We shall encourage those who stand against us, to learn to know us and value our gendered talents that, when welcomed both by us who have them and by those around us, evolve into gifts for all.

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