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BLACK TRANS NATION HOSTS TRANSGIVING COMMUNITY CLEAN-UP & TDOR VIGIL TO HONOUR REMEMBER LOST TRANS LIVES IN THE US & AROUND THE GLOBE

BROOKLYN, NEW YORK - Black Trans Nation honours the lives of thirty-two (32) trans and gender non-conforming persons lost to violence in 2022. Trans people continue to be targets of violence at the hands of persons who would rather not see them alive or systems that murder and destroy our inherent dignity. At the intersections of race, gender identity and sexual orientation Black trans folks face an even greater risk of becoming victims of crimes that continue to proliferate because of the lack of respect for basic human life. According to Human Rights Campaign (HRC). "Overall, transgender and gender non-conforming victims of violence are overwhelmingly Black, under 35, and killed with a firearm."

Black Trans Nation condemns the murders inflicted at the hands of other human beings towards our siblings and the systems that are designed to continue to oppress and murder us as well.

"It's sad that we have to have a remembrance holiday for our loved ones due to the massive killings and deaths that happens yearly to individuals that have not been able to live... a lot of them under the age of 35", lamented TS Candii, Executive Director of Black Trans Nation.

Thirty-five years remains as the average life expectancy of a black trans person living in the U.S. In addition to the murders, we face each year, Black Trans folks continue to be subjected to other forms of unnecessary violence through other forms such as misgendering, denying the validity of trans identities and continuously disregarded as human being deserving of love, care, and respect in oppressive systems. We recognize that Black Trans Nation has a key role in continuing to destigmatize misguided notions around our community; decriminalize through advancing legislation and to protect our black trans siblings and decarcerate our siblings through continue push and advancement for the industrial jail that continue to oppress and destroy us as a people.

In highlighting the significance of the day and this event, TS Candii emphasized, "we were born free, we are human, we have the right to be, and we have the right to live as humans".

On Sunday, Black Trans Nation will be hosting our Love Where You Live: TRANSGIVING Community Clean-Up & TDOR Vigil from 2-8 PM on November 20, 2022. This event is free and open to the community and public. We'll be cleaning up Prospect Park (meeting at the



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Parkside Av-Ocean Av entrance) from 2 to 5 PM, followed by refreshments from our TRANSgiving table and a solemn vigil from 5:30 to 8PM at the Nostrand Avenue Pub. This initiative is supported by [Urban Upbound NY](#), [Nostrand Avenue Pub](#), [Department of Sanitation New York](#) and [United Trans Creatives](#).

About Black Trans Nation

[Black Trans Nation](#) is a 501(c)3 non-profit founded by former sex workers dedicated to advocating, educating, and motivating the public into collective action on behalf of the Black and Brown Transgender communities. We accomplish this by performing outreach and providing access to vital resources in the forms of housing, health, recovery, employment, legal, immigration, and other critical social services. Our core mission is to end discrimination by driving policymakers to enact policies that will *Destigmatize, Decriminalize, and Decarcerate* our community.

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