

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, on May 4, 2015 the class of Women Crossing Borders, Mujeres y Hombres Activos Revolucionarios (MHAR), and Aggie Solidarity, proclaim a day of remembrance to commemorate the global anti-femicide movement and all gender-based violence, and

WHEREAS, as a city, we must recognize gender-based violence as a global social phenomenon, and femicide as distinct from homicide, and

WHEREAS, our responsibility as neighbors, sisters and brothers is to condemn gender-based violence as a product of patriarchal oppression and how it leads to broader forms of violence, and

WHEREAS, on November 5 and 6, 2001, eight girls/women's bodies were found in a cotton field across from the Asociacion De Maquiladoras A.C. (AMAC). Some were subjected to rape and torture. On December 16, 2010, activist mother Marisela Escobedo Ortiz, was assassinated in front of the governor's palace in Chihuahua, Mexico while protesting her daughter's murder case, and

WHEREAS, during 2009-2011, numerous bodies were discovered in the Arroyo Navajo in the Valle de Juarez. Several were women that had been abducted by a network of individuals promising jobs; instead, they were subjected to prostitution and selling drugs, and

WHEREAS, recent global prevalence figures indicate that 35% of women worldwide have experienced either intimate partner violence or non-partner sexual violence in their lifetime. Globally, as many as 38% of murders of women are committed by an intimate partner. Violence against women - particularly intimate partner violence and sexual violence against women - are major public health problems and violations of women's human rights. The social and economic costs of intimate partner and sexual violence are enormous and have ripple effects throughout society, and

WHEREAS, this proclamation serves as a call for transnational solidarity across global borders to address human rights atrocities.

NOW, THEREFORE, WE, the Mayor and City Council of Las Cruces, New Mexico do hereby proclaim Monday, May 4, 2015 as:

"TRANSNATIONAL SOLIDARITY DAY"

a day that shall be enacted throughout the city of Las Cruces, as a way to encourage and inspire activism in all of our citizens in order to recognize these events and their significant impact on our community.

ATTEST:

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