

CITY OF HYATTSVILLE

PROCLAMATION

RECOGNIZING DECEMBER 1, 2023, AS WORLD AIDS DAY IN THE CITY OF HYATTSVILLE

This proclamation declares December 1, 2023, to be World AIDS Day in the City of Hyattsville. This annual celebration serves as a reminder of the global struggle to end HIV-related stigma, an opportunity to honor those we have lost, and a rallying cry to continue working toward a day when HIV is no longer a public health threat.

WHEREAS, the first World AIDS Day took place in 1988, providing a platform to raise awareness about HIV/AIDS and honor the lives of those affected by the epidemic; 2023 marks the 35th commemoration of this important day with the theme “World AIDS Day 35: Remember and Commit”; and

WHEREAS, there has been significant progress in addressing HIV/AIDS thanks to advancements in medical research, increased access to treatment and prevention, and a broader understanding of the virus; and

WHEREAS, the impact of barriers to research and treatment for this public health crisis is still significant for those who are affected, considering that in 2021, 8,078 people were living with HIV in Prince George's County, a county which also holds the distinction of leading the State of Maryland in new HIV/AIDS cases; and

WHEREAS, we acknowledge the impact of this epidemic has been profound; affecting individuals, families, and entire communities across the globe—it is important also to remember the lives lost, which not only honors their memory but emphasizes the urgency of our commitment to end the HIV epidemic.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and City Council declare December 1, 2023, as World AIDS Day, a day which reminds us to demonstrate compassion for those infected with HIV and AIDS, get tested for HIV, use protection, and encourage friends and loved ones to do the same.

Robert Croslin

Mayor, City of Hyattsville

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