

PROCLAMATION

World AIDS Day Proclamation

December 1, 2016

WHEREAS, we encourage our community and our state to be reminded of an epidemic that started in the United States more than three decades ago of which we knew nothing about. It is known as Human Immuno-deficiency Virus (HIV) and Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS), with the first known cases resulting in death and those who were affected by it faced fear and stigmatization.

WHEREAS, on World AIDS Day, we remember those who have lost their lives to HIV/AIDS, celebrate the triumphs of the efforts of many who have worked tirelessly to diagnose it, understand it, and begin to treat it. Many lost their lives and with each of them, heroes surfaced putting their own life in harm's way by advocating, and providing medical treatment. Scientists dedicated their lives to research the disease and treatment options. These individuals did not give up until they could save a person's life and protect communities.

WHEREAS, progress has been made but, much more work remains to be done. Today, more people are receiving life-saving treatment for HIV than ever before, and millions of HIV infections have been prevented. Still, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in 2015, "36 million people around the world live with HIV, including nearly 3 million children." In Nevada, 1 in every 98 people have HIV, and of those with HIV, 1 in 8 people do not know they are infected with the virus and account for nearly one-third of HIV transmission in the United States.

WHEREAS, today marks the 25th anniversary of the Ryan White CARE Act, a program that helps provide interventions and medical care to the most vulnerable individuals and touches over half of the people living with HIV in America.

WHEREAS, Carson City Health and Human Services stands Battle Born strong in the collaborative fight to diagnose, treat, and end HIV in Nevada. It is encouraged for everyone at risk to be tested at least annually and always protect oneself. For those infected with HIV, it is encouraged to remain adherent to your medication regimen.

WHEREAS, on World AIDS Day, individuals in our communities and across the state of Nevada need to be aware that HIV/AIDS is still a problem, and should be educated on how to prevent it. We all look forward to the day when HIV/AIDS is just a part of history.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Robert Crowell, Mayor of Carson City, Nevada do hereby proclaim December 1, 2016, as "World AIDS Day" in Carson City, Nevada. Look to the past to remember, and to the future for hope.



DATED THIS 1st day of December, 2016.

Robert L. Crowell, Mayor