

PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS,** Nationwide, people must become more aware of the persistent risk of HIV and AIDS facing young people and to take action to invest in their health, education, and leadership; and,
- WHEREAS,** 60 percent of HIV positive youth across the country do not know they carry the HIV virus; and
- WHEREAS,** In King County there are currently 1,640 people under the age of 39 living with HIV and AIDS and between 2010 and 2013 the number of people diagnosed with HIV between the ages 13-29 steadily increased; and
- WHEREAS,** Youth activists and their allies are fostering awareness and stimulating action to support young people impacted by HIV and AIDS; and
- WHEREAS,** Young leaders and activists will come together to promote a message of prevention, treatment, care, and youth empowerment in various schools, college campuses, and communities throughout the month of April; and
- WHEREAS,** During this month we must urge local leaders to promote and work towards the realization of an AIDS-free generation; and
- WHEREAS,** To achieve an AIDS-free generation in King County and the city of Seattle, we must ensure youth are directly involved in the decisions that impact their health and well-being and also encourage and support the next generation of HIV/AIDS doctors, advocates, educators, researchers, and other professionals;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, EDWARD MURRAY, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF SEATTLE, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM APRIL TO BE, WITHIN OUR CITY

Youth HIV & AIDS Awareness Month

I encourage all within Seattle to educate themselves and others of the very real threat HIV/AIDS continues to pose to young people and to contribute their talents to our ongoing fight on behalf of everyone impacted by this disease.

Ed Murray

Mayor Ed Murray
City of Seattle



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