

# PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS,** since its discovery in the 1980s, over 1.2 million individuals have been diagnosed with AIDS, which has had a large, historical impact on the LGBTQ community; and

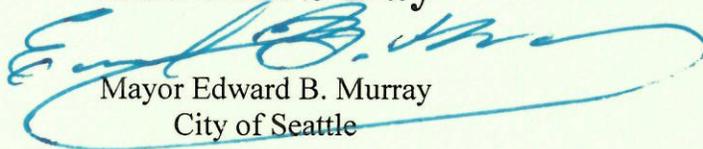
**WHEREAS,** though new diagnoses of HIV and AIDS have dramatically declined over the years through increased education and awareness, thousands of individuals are still affected by this terrible diseases; and

**WHEREAS,** Lifelong has been at the forefront of providing support and services to individuals diagnosed with AIDS since its founding in 1983, starting as a group of friends trying to support a friend suffering from AIDS, and later grew into a national leader in HIV/AIDS awareness and support; and

**WHEREAS,** this year marks the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Lifelong's End AIDS Walk and we are grateful for all the work Lifelong and the community does on behalf of AIDS awareness, prevention, and treatment,

*NOW, THEREFORE I, EDWARD B. MURRAY, MAYOR OF SEATTLE, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM SEPTEMBER 24<sup>th</sup>, 2016 TO BE*

## **End AIDS Day**



Mayor Edward B. Murray  
City of Seattle

