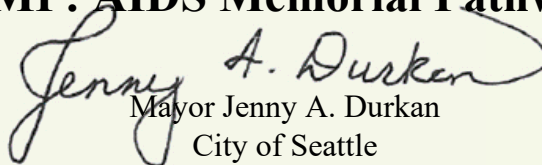


PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS,** the Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS) was first reported on by the CDC 40 years ago this month, and first identified in Seattle in 1982; and
- WHEREAS,** the initial public reaction to AIDS was fear, discrimination, and condemnation towards those who were infected; and
- WHEREAS,** in spite of this hostility and indifference, courageous and compassionate people stepped forward to help; and
- WHEREAS,** by 1996, when effective treatment for HIV/AIDS first became available 5,111 King County residents had been diagnosed with AIDS and 3,273 were dead from HIV; and
- WHEREAS,** while AIDS affects all communities, AIDS has disproportionately affected gay men, transgender communities, people of color (particularly Black & Brown communities), and refugee and immigrant communities; and
- WHEREAS,** in 2017, by Resolution 317873 Seattle expressed its support for the Seattle AIDS Legacy Memorial (now, The AMP); and
- WHEREAS,** community members and organizations formed the AIDS Memorial Pathway to create a place of reflection and remembrance and to ensure that the history and many stories of AIDS/HIV in Seattle and our state are told; and
- WHEREAS,** while today there is still no vaccine or cure, which underscores the importance of a visible and permanent reminder of HIV/AIDS,

NOW, THEREFORE I, JENNY A. DURKAN, MAYOR OF SEATTLE, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM JUNE 26, 2021 TO BE

The AMP: AIDS Memorial Pathway Day


Mayor Jenny A. Durkan
City of Seattle

