

CITY OF IRVINE

# Proclamation

## WORLD AIDS DAY DECEMBER 1, 2021

WHEREAS, started in 1988 and recognized annually on December 1st, World AIDS Day is a global event to remember those who have lost their lives to AIDS, and to honor and support those living with and affected by HIV; and

WHEREAS, in the United States, more than 1.2 million people are living with HIV today, while approximately 38 million people are living with the disease worldwide; and

WHEREAS, Gay and bisexual men, genderqueer, youth, Black Americans, and Latinx Americans are at a disproportionate risk; and

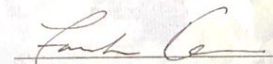
WHEREAS, over the last three decades, there have been many advancements in drug treatments for HIV/AIDS that have reduced the transmission and acquisition of HIV, transforming it for many into a manageable chronic condition; and

WHEREAS, because of antiretroviral treatments such as Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP), Post-Exposure Prophylaxis (PEP), and Treatment as Prevention (TasP), people living with HIV who start these therapies early in the course of infection can now expect a near-normal lifespan; and

WHEREAS, the City of Irvine recognizes the essential role of the networks of individuals living with and affected by HIV, community health workers, health care providers, organizations, and the advocates who continue to fight the HIV/ AIDS epidemic; and

WHEREAS, as we have seen global solidarity and shared responsibility with the COVID-19 pandemic, we must also respond globally to end HIV/ AIDS as a public health threat by 2030.

NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Irvine DOES HEREBY PROCLAIM DECEMBER 1, 2021, as WORLD AIDS DAY and call upon public officials, educators, businesses, communities, volunteers, and all the people of the City of Irvine to stand in solidarity with our friends and neighbors who are afflicted by this terrible virus.



FARRAH N. KHAN  
MAYOR OF THE CITY OF IRVINE  
NOVEMBER 23, 2021

