

ARLINGTON COUNTY, VIRGINIA

Proclamation

WORLD AIDS DAY

WHEREAS, the spread of HIV/AIDS demands a continuous community-wide effort through communication and preventive action to stop the transmission of HIV/AIDS; and

WHEREAS, World AIDS Day observed on December 1 is an opportunity for every community and each individual to honor the more than 32 million people who have died worldwide from AIDS-related illness and is a day for voices to unite by sharing their experiences, remembering those lost, and standing together in the fight against HIV; and

WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimate that currently 1.2 million persons in the United States are HIV positive; and

WHEREAS, the Arlington Department of Human Services, Public Health Division, is promoting a better understanding of the challenge of HIV/AIDS as the number of people diagnosed with HIV and AIDS in the community continues to increase; and

WHEREAS, the 2024 World AIDS Day theme “Collective Action: Sustain and Accelerate HIV Progress” is a reminder that we still have a long way to go to stop the threat of HIV/AIDS and that we must continue to educate our community while providing necessary services for those affected by HIV/AIDS;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Libby Garvey, Chair of the County Board of Arlington, Virginia, do hereby proclaim December 1, 2024, as

WORLD AIDS DAY

in Arlington County and urge our residents to take part in activities and observances designed to reduce the devastating impact of HIV/AIDS.



A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Libby Garvey".

Libby Garvey
Chair