CITY OF SPOKANE

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, this year we mark 40 years since the first five cases of what later became known as AIDS were officially reported, and we honor more than 36 million people globally who have died from AIDS-related illness since the start of the epidemic; and

WHEREAS, we recognize that a strong commitment to ending the HIV epidemic globally means addressing health inequities and ensuring the voices of people with HIV are central in all of our work, and we likewise recognize that despite the many hard-won gains over the last 40 years, HIV remains a threat domestically and globally; and

WHEREAS, informed by voices from the most impacted communities, we remain deeply committed to ensuring equity in programs, research and policies and serving those most in need of support, and we hereby renew our commitment to do our part to end the HIV epidemic in Spokane and around the world:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Nadine Woodward, Mayor of the City of Spokane, on behalf of the citizens of Spokane, do hereby proclaim December 1, 2021 as

WORLD AIDS DAY

in Spokane and ask citizens in our community to join with me in pledging to help end this epidemic in our lifetime.

I, Nadine Woodward, Mayor of Spokane, do hereunto set my hand and cause the seal of the City of Spokane to be affixed this 8th day of November 2021.

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Nadine Woodward

Mayor

