



Office of the Mayor

CITY OF VANCOUVER

BRITISH COLUMBIA

Proclamation

"30th VANCOUVER INTERNATIONAL AIDS CANDLELIGHT MEMORIAL DAY"

WHEREAS

May 19th, 2013 is the International AIDS Candlelight Memorial Day;

AND WHEREAS

There are over 34 million people worldwide and over 6,000 people in Vancouver living with HIV, and many are not aware they are infected;

AND WHEREAS

Around 100,000 people worldwide today commemorated the International AIDS Candlelight Memorial to remember those who have lost their lives to AIDS and to support those living with, and affected by, HIV;

AND WHEREAS

HIV/AIDS is a silent epidemic, as those affected are silenced by stigma and discrimination and we are all working to end this silence;

AND WHEREAS

The City of Vancouver is a leader in taking proactive steps to raise awareness and break the stereotypes and stigma around HIV/AIDS;

AND WHEREAS

Public awareness, education and support are key tools in preventing HIV/AIDS;

AND WHEREAS

AIDS Vancouver, along with sponsoring organizations, is coordinating this 30th Vancouver International AIDS Candlelight Memorial;

AND WHEREAS

This year's theme of "In Solidarity" emphasizes the need for people living with and affected by HIV to join hands and work together in response to HIV. Solidarity in communities is essential to reduce stigma and promote the involvement of people living with HIV in order to ensure a more effective HIV response:

NOW, THEREFORE,

I, Gregor Robertson, Mayor of the City of Vancouver, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM
Sunday, May 19th, 2013 as

"30th VANCOUVER INTERNATIONAL AIDS
CANDLELIGHT MEMORIAL DAY"

in the City of Vancouver.

Gregor Robertson
MAYOR

