

**PROCLAMATION
WORLD AIDS DAY IN MASON COUNTY**

WHEREAS, the global epidemic of HIV infections and AIDS requires a worldwide effort to increase communication, education and united action to stop the spread of HIV/AIDS; and

WHEREAS, the Joint United Nations Program on HIV/AIDS observes a day in December of each year as World AIDS Day, a day to expand and strengthen worldwide efforts to stop the spread of HIV/AIDS; and

WHEREAS, the Joint United Nations program on HIV/AIDS estimates that over 37.2 million adults and 2.1 million children worldwide are currently living with HIV/AIDS, with young people under the age of 25 accounting for more than half of all new infections; and 1.5 million people are currently living with AIDS in Washington State; and

WHEREAS, the American Association for World health is encouraging a better understanding of the challenge of HIV/AIDS nationally as it recognizes that the number of people diagnosed with HIV/AIDS in the United States continues to increase, and in Mason County as of July 2005, 94 cases of AIDS have been reported; and

WHEREAS, World AIDS Day provides an opportunity to focus local, national and international attention on HIV infection and AIDS and to disseminate information on how to prevent the spread of HIV; and increase awareness for those women infected with AIDS.

WHEREAS, The World AIDS Day 2005 theme is “ **Stop AIDS: Keep the Promise**”

THEREFORE, we the Mason County Board of Commissioners proclaim:

DECEMBER 1ST , 2005 AS WORLD AIDS DAY

In Mason County, and encourage all citizens to take part in activities and observances designed to increase awareness and understanding of HIV/AIDS as a global challenge, to take part in HIV/AIDS prevention activities and to join the global effort to prevent the further spread of HIV/AIDS.

Signed this 22nd day of November, 2005,

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MASON COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Jayni L. Kamin, Chairperson

ATTEST:

Lynda Ring Erickson, Commissioner

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