

**PROCLAMATION
MASON COUNTY WALKS FOR AIDS AWARENESS DAY
SEPTEMBER 27, 2008**

WHEREAS, the international spread of HIV infection and AIDS begins with a local effort to increase communication, education, and preventive action to stop the spread and transmission of HIV and AIDS; and,

WHEREAS, the Mason County HIV/AIDS Advisory Council has designated September 27, 2008 as MASON COUNTY WALKS FOR AIDS AWARENESS DAY and encourages people to participate in the walk and contribute in the activities surrounding the AIDS walk; and,

WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control estimates that over 1.5 million people are living with AIDS in the United States; and,

WHEREAS, the Washington State Department of Health estimates that over 16,000 people have been diagnosed with HIV in Washington resulting in over 5,000 deaths and estimates an additional 500 plus new cases each year; and,

WHEREAS, The Washington State Department of Health indicates that Mason County has over 105 people currently living with HIV and/or AIDS; and

WHEREAS, improved community education and participation is essential to increased AIDS awareness and the reduction of HIV transmission; and,

NOW, THEREFORE WE, the Mason County Board of Commissioners, do hereby declare September 27, 2008 as

MASON COUNTY WALKS FOR AIDS AWARENESS DAY

and encourages citizens to become involved.

Signed this 16th day of September, 2008

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MASON COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Tim Sheldon, Chair

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Lynda Ring Erickson, Commissioner

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