

World Aids Day, December 1, 2013

Whereas, the vision for the National HIV/AIDS Strategy for the United States, as introduced and set forth by the President in 2010, states “The United States will become a place where new HIV infections are rare and when they do occur, every person, regardless of age, gender, race/ethnicity, sexual orientation, gender identity, or socio-economic circumstance, will have unfettered access to high quality, life-extending care, free from stigma and discrimination”; and

Whereas, the World Health Organization continues the theme of “Getting to Zero” by 2015: zero new HIV infections; zero discrimination; zero AIDS related deaths; and

Whereas, every 9.5 minutes, someone in the U.S. is infected with HIV and an estimated 21% of people living with HIV are undiagnosed; and

Whereas, Northland Cares, an HIV specialty medical clinic in Prescott, Arizona, offers high quality medical care and support services to address the needs of people living with HIV in Yavapai County; and

Whereas, Northland Cares partners with Yavapai County Community Health Services to offer free testing to the general public and educate our community on the reasons for learning one’s HIV status; and

Whereas, education, detection, compassion, respect, and specialized treatment are key steps in accomplishing the goal of ‘Getting to Zero’; and

Whereas, Northland Cares, in partnership with Yavapai County Community Health Services, works diligently to promote these key steps on behalf of the health and well-being of every individual living in Yavapai County.

Now Therefore, I, Marlin Kuykendall, Mayor of the City of Prescott, do hereby proclaim the 1st day of December, 2013, as World AIDS Day in Prescott.

In Witness Thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Prescott to be affixed this 26th day of November, 2013