

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
City of Eugene, Oregon

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS: The medical condition known as HIV and AIDS is still a prominent and national concern, with 39,000 new infections each year. In the United States alone, 680 youth on average are diagnosed monthly with HIV. Over 10,000 Oregonians were diagnosed with HIV in the last 34 years, with approximately 230 new cases of HIV occurring each year in the state; and

WHEREAS: One in seven individuals are unaware that they are HIV positive, with a new HIV infection occurring every 10.5 minutes; and

WHEREAS: Testing is critical to HIV prevention. Getting tested and actively managing HIV through treatment can not only reduce mortality and improve quality of life, but also reduces the risk of the spread of HIV from an infected person to their partner by 96%; and

WHEREAS: Each year, on June 27, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), AIDS.gov and other national and local entities across the United States, organize National HIV Testing Day. This initiative is a national challenge for all individuals to, "Take the Test, Take Control"; and

WHEREAS: City officials are exceptionally situated to increase awareness and understanding among their constituents that all Americans need to be tested for HIV infections, to not only protect their own health, but to also work towards eradicating HIV and AIDS,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Lucy Vinis, Mayor of the City of Eugene, Oregon, do hereby proclaim June 27, 2019 as

"National HIV Testing Day"

As a day for all residents to, "Test Your Way. Do it Today"



Lucy Vinis

Mayor Lucy Vinis
City of Eugene
June 27, 2019