

# *City of Albany*

## *Proclamation*

### *Designating December 2017 as AIDS Awareness Month*

**WHEREAS**, over thirty-five years ago the first documented cases of AIDS brought about an era of uncertainty, fear, and discrimination; and

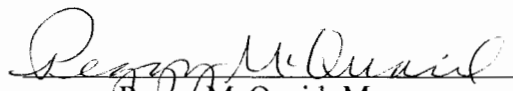
**WHEREAS**, HIV/AIDS has taken tens of millions of lives -- and far too many people with HIV have struggled to get the care, treatment, and compassion they deserve; and

**WHEREAS**, people living with HIV can face stigma and discrimination, creating barriers to prevention and treatment services; and

**WHEREAS**, in the decades since those first cases, with ingenuity, leadership, research, and historic investments in evidence-based practices, we have begun to move toward an era of resilience and hope -- and we are closer than ever to reaching an AIDS-free generation; and

**WHEREAS**, on World AIDS Day, we join with the international community to remember those we have lost too soon, reflect on the tremendous progress we have made in battling this disease, provide support and compassion to those living with HIV.

**NOW, THEREFORE, WE**, the City Council of the City of Albany do hereby proclaim December 2017 as AIDS Awareness Month.

  
Peggy McQuaid, Mayor