

Proclamation



PrEP AWARENESS DAY

JULY 16, 2024

WHEREAS, HIV/AIDS remains a significant public health challenge, with over 1.2 million people in the United States living with HIV and thousands of new infections each year, including here in DC; and

WHEREAS, Pre-exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP) was approved by the FDA on July 16, 2012 as a medication proven to reduce the risk of HIV infection by up to 99%, when taken as prescribed, according to studies conducted by NIH; and

WHEREAS, increasing awareness and access to PrEP is essential in addressing the disproportionate impact of HIV on marginalized communities and vulnerable individuals, particularly LGBTQIA+ communities, communities of color, sexually active adults and adolescents, and people who inject drugs; and

WHEREAS, the District is committed to advancing health equity and ensuring that all residents have access to life-saving interventions such as PrEP, regardless of their socioeconomic status, sexual orientation, or gender identity:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, THE MAYOR OF WASHINGTON, DC, do hereby proclaim JULY 16, 2024 as PrEP AWARENESS DAY in Washington, DC, and call upon all residents, healthcare providers, and community organizations to participate in efforts to increase awareness, understanding, and accessibility of PrEP.



A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Muriel Bowser". The signature is written over a horizontal line.