



THE CITY OF WINDSOR

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

DREW DILKENS, DBA
MAYOR

PROCLAMATION

**“World AIDS Day”
November 29, 2024**

- WHEREAS:** The criminalization of HIV and HIV-related stigma and discrimination continue to pose significant barriers to public health and social equity, affecting individuals living with HIV/AIDS; and,
- WHEREAS:** The pathway to ending AIDS involves reaching out and engaging everyone living with, affected by, or at risk of HIV, particularly our communities who have been excluded and disproportionately marginalized including women and Indigenous communities. It is imperative to address the stigmatization of HIV as it hinders access to prevention, testing, and treatment; and,
- WHEREAS:** Pozitive Pathways Community Services is a leader in providing client advocacy and innovative, high-quality services for people living with, affected by, or at-risk of HIV/AIDS in Windsor-Essex; and,
- WHEREAS:** Pozitive Pathways Community Services is the only local health volunteer organization committed to reducing the burden of HIV/AIDS through the funding of innovative research, providing prevention education and outreach, harm reduction, and support services. The organization is committed to increasing public awareness and advancing a stigma-free community towards those living with HIV and promoting access to high quality healthcare; and,
- WHEREAS:** Pozitive Pathways Community Services celebrates and supports World AIDS Day activities, including the annual World AIDS Day community vigil held on December 1st. The vigil acknowledges and honours the lives of those who have passed away from HIV and those who live with and are affected by HIV/AIDS; and,
- THEREFORE:** I, Drew Dilkens, Mayor of the City of Windsor, do hereby proclaim



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“World AIDS Day”
in the City of Windsor.

Mayor