Everyday – April/May 2018

Here are some important dates in AIDS history.

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AIDS is an everyday experience. These dates represent milestones in the AIDS epidemic. Some dates are known globally; others commemorate individual experiences. AIDS Is Everyday is an ongoing art project produced in conjunction with Visual AIDS to help break down the silence, shame and stigma surrounding HIV.

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APRIL

1 – President Ronald Reagan delivers his first “major speech” on AIDS. (1987)

7 – The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the White House launch “Act Against AIDS,” a multiyear, multifaceted initiative designed to reduce HIV incidence in the United States. (2009)

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10 – National Youth HIV & AIDS Awareness Day

15 – The First International AIDS Conference convenes in Atlanta. (1985)

18 – National Transgender HIV Testing Day

24 – Arne Vidar Røed, a Norwegian sailor and truck driver, dies. He is the earliest confirmed HIV case in Europe. (1976)

25 – I, You, We opens at the Whitney Museum of American Art featuring work by Hugh Steers. (2013)

29 – The first Western blot blood test kit to detect HIV antibodies is approved in the United States by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA). (1987)

MAY

Elizabeth TaylorMark Reinstein/Shutterstock.com

2 – The first AIDS Candlelight March, “Fighting for Our Lives,” takes place in San Francisco and New York. (1983)

8 – Elizabeth Taylor testifies before members of the Senate Committee on Appropriations about the need for greater investments inHIV/AIDS research, prevention and treatment. (1986)

9 – Vito Russo gives his “Why We Fight” speech at an ACT UP demonstration in Albany, New York. (1988)

Robert ReedWikimedia/Edward Paul Reyes

12 – Robert Reed, the patriarch on the TV series The Brady Brunch, dies at 59. It’s reported that HIV contributed to his death. (1992)

15 – Fifteen-year-old African-American teenager Robert Rayford dies; he is later believed to be the earliest case of HIV/AIDS in North America. (1969)

18 – HIV Vaccine Awareness Day

19 – National Asian & Pacific Islander HIV/AIDS Awareness Day

20 – Françoise Barré-Sinoussi, MD, reports the discovery of a retrovirus called lymphadenopathy associated virus that could be the cause of AIDS. (1983)

26 – Surgeon General C. Everett Koop mails copies of the booklet Understanding AIDS to all 107 million households in the United States. (1988)

27 – The FDA licenses a rapid HIV diagnostic test kit that provides results from blood tests in 10 minutes. (1992)

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