Everyday — July/August 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.

JULY

3 – The New York Times publishes the first major news story about HIV, “Rare Cancer Seen in 41 Homosexuals,” by Lawrence K. Altman. (1981)

11 – The XV International AIDS Conference begins in Bangkok, Thailand. (2004)

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13 – The National HIV/AIDS Strategy for the United States is first released by the Obama administration. (2010)

14 – Elizabeth Glaser and Bob Hattoy are the first people living with HIV to speak at the Democratic National Convention. (1992)

16 – The Food and Drug Administration announces the approval of Truvada as pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP). (2012)

22 – Artist and activist David Wojnarowicz dies at age 37. (1992)

28 – AIDS Project Los Angeles holds the world’s first AIDS Walk. (1985)

29 – David Wojnarowicz’s political funeral procession takes place in New York City. (1992)

AUGUST

5 – The U.S. Public Health Service recommends that pregnant women be given AZT to reduce the risk of perinatal transmission of HIV. (1994)

8 – Bobbi Campbell, a nurse living with HIV, and his partner, Bobby Hilliard, appear on the cover of Newsweek. (1983)

15 – Self-proclaimed “AIDS Poster Boy” Bobbi Campbell dies of AIDS-related complications. (1984)

18 – Congress enacts the Ryan White CARE Act, providing $220.5 million in funds for HIV care in its first year. (1990)

19 – Activist Mary Fisher delivers her “A Whisper of AIDS” speech at the Republican National Convention. (1992)

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28 – The U.S. Postal Service issues a commemorative stamp to honor tennis star Arthur Ashe, who died of AIDS-related complications in 1993. (2005)

29 – The Elizabeth Taylor AIDS Foundation is created. (1991)

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