Everyday — September 2019

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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SEPTEMBER

6 – The AIDS (Artists Involved with Death & Survival) Show premieres at Theatre Rhinoceros in San Francisco. The play is the subject of a 1986 documentary film of the same name. (1984)

9 – Broadway composer and lyricist Michael Friedman—known for his work on the musical Bloody, Bloody Andrew Jackson—dies at age 41. His death is a reminder to many that people continue to die of AIDS-related illnesses. (2017)

11 – Nick Rhoades, who in May was sentenced in Iowa to 25 years in prison for failing to disclose his HIV status to a sexual partner who didn't contract HIV, has his sentence reduced to five years' probation without jail time. (2009)

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12 – The Department of Justice announces a $715,000 settlement in favor of a boy who was denied admission to the Milton Hershey School because he is living with HIV. (2012)

18 – National HIV/AIDS and Aging Awareness Day

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19 – Sweden announces it’s the first country to meet the United Nations’ 90-90-90 goal (90% of people with HIV know their status, 90% of them are on sustained treatment and 90% of those people have achieved viral sup-pression). (2016)

22 – Positively Aware launches the anti-stigma campaign “A Day With HIV,” which encourages people living with and affected by HIV to photograph a moment of their day and share it on social media. (2010)

POZ editor-in-chief Regan Hofmann releases her memoir, I Have Something to Tell You. (2009)

25 – Let's Kick ASS (AIDS Survivor Syndrome), a grassroots movement empowering long-term survivors, is founded. (2013)

26 – The Food and Drug Administration rules that the labeling of latex condoms must contain an expiration date. (1997)

27 – National Gay Men's HIV/AIDS Awareness Day

Representative Ted Weiss (D—N.Y.)

28 – Representatives Phillip Burton (D–Calif.) and Ted Weiss (D–N.Y.) introduce the first legislation to allocate funding for AIDS research. The resolution dies in committee, and Congress does not approve the first dedicated funding for AIDS research and treatment until July 1983. (1982)

30 – The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention launches the first AIDS-related public service announcements, “America Responds to AIDS.” The campaign encourages a dialogue about HIV and AIDS and kicks off the newly designated AIDS Awareness Month in October. (1987)

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