



SURREY
CITY OF PARKS

Proclamation

"SURREY HIV/AIDS AWARENESS WEEK"

November 24 - December 1, 2008

"WORLD AIDS DAY" - December 1, 2008

WHEREAS the Joint United Nations Program on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS) estimates that more than 35 million people are infected with the Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) worldwide; and

WHEREAS the US PEPFAR Bill authorizing over \$50m be distributed to poorer countries in the world to assist in reducing the spread of HIV/AIDS and is in the process of changing the law preventing HIV travel into the United States and

WHEREAS UNAIDS has called upon governments, organizations and individuals to recognize the week of November 24 to December 1, 2008, as HIV/AIDS Awareness Week and World AIDS Day with the theme "Stigma and Discrimination", the goals of which are:

- to raise awareness of HIV/AIDS and challenge discrimination towards those affected by or infected with HIV/AIDS;
- to challenge stigma and discrimination based on gender, sexual orientation, culture, ethnicity and race as it relates to HIV/AIDS, and
- to promote and support HIV prevention efforts; and

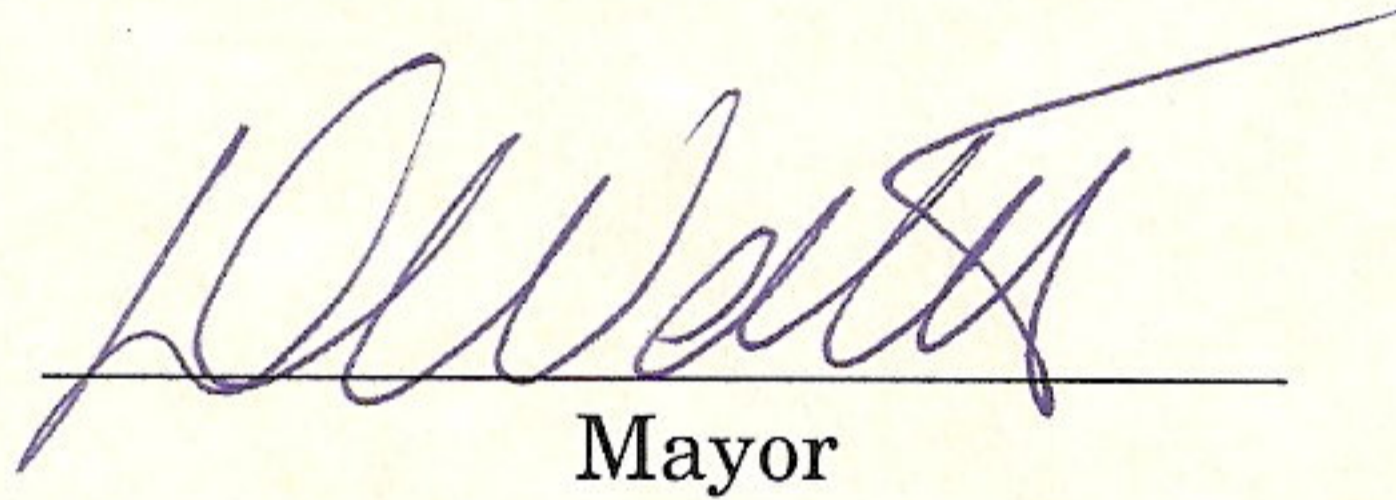
WHEREAS Health Canada estimates that almost 50,000 Canadians are currently living with HIV/AIDS and

15,000 Canadians are unaware they are infected;
and

WHEREAS the number of Canadians living with HIV/AIDS continues to increase, with approximately 4,200 new infections each year; and

WHEREAS Canadian HIV/AIDS Awareness Week and World AIDS Day offer an opportunity to enhance tolerance and understanding while communicating prevention information about the epidemic;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Dianne L. Watts, do hereby declare November 24 to December 1, 2008 as "CANADIAN HIV/AIDS AWARENESS WEEK" and December 1, 2008 as "WORLD AIDS DAY" in the City of Surrey.



Mayor