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PRIME MINISTER

2026 International AIDS Candlelight Memorial

To all those gathered for the International AIDS Candlelight Memorial,

Thank you for your part in this important remembrance of the impact of HIV and AIDS in New Zealand and across the world.

This memorial is a powerful moment to remember the lives lost to HIV and AIDS, and to stand in support of those living with HIV today. Gatherings like these honour the strength and resilience of communities who have fought stigma and helped save countless lives over decades.

On behalf of the Government, I extend my warmest support and best wishes to every one of you as you light candles of recognition and hope. Our Government recognises the importance of supporting prevention, care, and awareness initiatives, and we acknowledge all those who are working tirelessly towards the elimination of HIV transmission and ensuring that support and treatment are accessible to everyone who needs them.

Once again, we renew our collective pledge to the fight against HIV, through compassion, education, and prevention.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'C. Luxon', with a horizontal line underneath.

Rt Hon Christopher Luxon
Prime Minister