



**Letter from Labour Leader Andrew Little for AIDS Candlelight Memorial Services throughout New Zealand:**

The Labour party today honours the lives of those who have died of AIDS and the families, friends and communities whose lives have also been affected by the HIV virus.

The work to fight AIDS is as important now as it has ever been. In some countries around the world today, the numbers of those infected are doubling and it is a serious cause of death among the young. Education and advocacy are still needed to prevent HIV and to work towards its elimination. Today we honour those who doing this vital task.

We join with you to offer our respects to all who didn't live to share this moment, and to pay tribute to those whose commitment to tolerance and dignity has achieved so much. Today, Labour stands with you.

Andrew Little

Leader of the Opposition