



*Government House
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Message for AIDS Candlelight

Kia ora koutou

This evening, New Zealanders are joining people around the world to honour friends and loved ones who have lost their lives to HIV/AIDS.

We remember those who championed the cause of people living with HIV/AIDS, campaigning for research, support and effective treatment.

We remember also the scientists and medical professionals whose dedication has delivered a better prognosis for people living with HIV/AIDS, and enabled them to plan a future with confidence.

We celebrate that progress, but we cannot afford to be complacent. We owe it to those who lost their battle with HIV/AIDS to promote conversations about safe behaviours across all our communities.

I wish everyone associated with advocacy, support and education about HIV/AIDS all the very best with this vital work.

**The Rt Hon Dame Patsy Reddy, GNZM, QSO
Governor-General of New Zealand**