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# DEADLINE FOR AIDS QUILT PANEL REQUESTS EXTENDED TO AUG. 8 MISSOULA -

The deadline for panel requests for the NAMES Project AIDS Memorial Quilt has been extended to Friday, Aug. 8.

The University of Montana and the Missoula AIDS Council are bringing the AIDS Quilt to the Adams Center Sept. 18-21. Friends and family with loved ones who are memorialized in the quilt can request those panels be displayed by calling the Missoula AIDS Council at 406-543-4770.

Members of the community also are invited to make a panel for the AIDS Memorial Quilt to remember a loved one who passed away from an AIDS-related illness. Those wishing to create a panel are asked to use durable materials and a non-stretch medium-weight fabric for the background. A completed panel should be 3 feet by 6 feet, and it is recommended that a half-inch border be left around the edge so it can be sewn together with other panels.

Panel designs can be vertical or horizontal and may include appliqué, paint, stencil, collage and photos on iron-on transfers. To induct a quilt panel at the Sept. 21 induction ceremony, contact the Missoula AIDS Council.

Seventy-five quilt blocks commemorating some 450 individuals who have died of AIDS-related illnesses will be showcased. All known panels honoring those from Montana who have died of AIDS, as well as others from around the nation, will be on view during the event.

The Missoula AIDS Council is the leading community-based organization addressing the challenges associated with HIV/AIDS in Montana. The mission of the organization is to prevent new HIV infections and to provide support for individuals living with HIV/AIDS.

For detailed instructions on creating a quilt panel, visit

## http://www.aidsquilt.org/makeapanel.htm.

For more information call Keri McWilliams, Missoula AIDS Council executive director, at 406-543-4770.

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