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This Week in Indiana History

December 6th, 1971: Ryan White is born

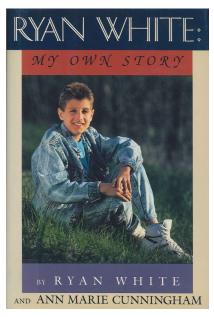
School bars door to youth with AIDS

Kokomo Tribune 31 August 1985

On this week in Indiana history, Ryan White was born. He contracted HIV through a contaminated blood transmission in 1984 while being treated for hemophilia. HIV/AIDS was poorly understood at the time, and he faced discrimination and hostility.

Ryan quickly became a national symbol of the AIDS crisis of the 1980's, and helped change public perceptions of individuals with the disease. Ryan passed away on April 8, 1990.





Ryan White left behind a legacy of the importance of perseveration, compassion, and understanding.

The HIV assistance act, providing resources for treatment and support to people with HIV/AIDS, bears his name.

The Ryan White CARE Act was enacted August 18, 1990; and in 2009 the Ryan White HIV/AIDS Treatment Extension Act.

Public Law 104–146 104th Congress

May 20, 1996 [S. 641] An Act to amend the Public Health Service Act to revise and extend programs established pursuant to the Ryan White Comprehensive AIDS Resources Emergency Act of 1990.

An Act

Ryan White CARE Act Amendments of 1996. 42 USC 201 note. Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "Ryan White CARE Act Amendments of 1996".