

# CITY OF LAKE WORTH BEACH

## PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS,** The first World AIDS Day was held in 1988, providing a platform to raise awareness about HIV/AIDS and honor the lives affected by the epidemic. The theme for this year is “Collective Action: Sustain and Accelerate HIV Progress”, encapsulating the U.S. government’s dedication to harnessing the significant progress that has been made through global and domestic HIV programs over the last four-plus decades, working to ensure that no communities are left behind; and
- WHEREAS,** An estimated 39 million people world-wide are living with HIV, with an estimated 1.3 million new infections occurring in 2023, which is a decline of 60% since the peak in 1995; and
- WHEREAS,** 29.8 million people with HIV globally (76% of all people with HIV) knew their status in 2022 and were accessing life-saving antiretroviral therapy (ART); the remaining 14% did not know their status and needed access to HIV testing services and treatment; and
- WHEREAS,** The global spread of HIV necessitates a worldwide effort to increase communication, education and action to stop the spread of HIV; and
- WHEREAS,** The Joint United Nations Program on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS) observes December 1 of each year as “World AIDS Day”, and leads and inspires the world to achieve its shared vision of zero new HIV infections, zero discrimination and zero AIDS-related deaths; and
- WHEREAS,** The 95-95-95 ambitious global plan to help end the AIDS epidemic has set its goal for 2025, that 95% of all people with diagnosed HIV receive sustained ART and 95% of those individuals on treatment achieve and maintain HIV viral suppression as people with HIV who achieve and maintain an undetectable viral load by taking ART as prescribed cannot sexually transmit the virus to others; and
- WHEREAS,** In the City of Lake Worth Beach, Compass Community Center has been providing life-saving services to the residents of Palm Beach County and South Florida for 35 years, engaging, empowering and enriching the lives of those impacted by HIV and AIDS.

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Betty Resch, Mayor of the City of Lake Worth Beach, Florida, by virtue of the authority vested in me and on behalf of the City Commission, do hereby proclaim:

**DECEMBER 1, 2024**

**as**

**WORLD AIDS DAY**

and urge all residents of the city of Lake Worth Beach to take part in activities and observances designed to increase awareness and understanding of HIV/AIDS as a global challenge and urge residents to join the global effort to prevent further spread of HIV/AIDS.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF,** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Lake Worth Beach, Florida, to be affixed this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of December, 2024.

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Betty Resch, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Melissa Ann Coyne, MMC, City Clerk