

CITY OF LAKE WORTH BEACH

PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS,** in the United States, more than 1 million people are living with HIV, and every 15 minutes a new HIV transmission occurs resulting in more than 30,000 annual new HIV diagnoses; and
- WHEREAS,** in Florida more than 120,502 people are living with HIV, and an estimated 10 new transmissions occur daily, and in Palm Beach County more than 8,400 people, or 1-in-180 residents, are living with HIV. 1-in-7 persons with HIV don't know that they have it; and
- WHEREAS,** The NHTD theme for 2024 is "Level up your self-love: check your status." This theme emphasizes valuing yourself, showing yourself compassion and respect, and honoring your health needs with self-love; and
- WHEREAS,** significant new and highly advanced treatments deliver hope and enhance the quality of life for those who are affected, these considerable advancements can only help individuals if they know their HIV status and are linked into lifesaving medical care; and
- WHEREAS,** each year on June 27, we observe National HIV Testing Day to raise awareness about the importance of HIV testing and early diagnosis of HIV; and
- WHEREAS,** *Ending the HIV Epidemic in the U.S. (EHE)* is a bold plan announced in 2019 that aims to end the HIV epidemic in the United States by 2030. Agencies across the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) developed an operational plan to pursue that goal accompanied by a request for additional annual funding. The initiative seeks to reduce the number of new HIV infections in the United States by 75 percent by 2025, and then by at least 90 percent by 2030, for an estimated 250,000 total HIV infections averted.

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:

JUNE 27, 2024

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NATIONAL HIV TESTING DAY

and urge all residents of the city of Lake Worth Beach to take the HIV test to know your status, and participate in other activities and observances designed to increase awareness and understanding, and promote prevention initiatives to end the HIV epidemic.

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 16th day of June, 2024.

Betty Resch, Mayor

ATTEST:

Melissa Ann Coyne, City Clerk