

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 128,000 people are living with HIV, and an estimated 10 new transmissions occur daily, 1-in-7 persons with HIV don't know that they have it. In Palm Beach County more than 8,800 people, or 1-in-175 residents, are living with HIV; and
- WHEREAS,** The NHTD theme for 2025 is "Level Up Your Self-Love: Check Your Status." promotes HIV testing and encourages individuals to know their status; 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 linkage to medical care, and to inspire the nation 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 targets for 2030, that 95% of all persons with HIV will know their HIV status, 95% of all people with diagnosed HIV will receive sustained ART, and 95% of all people receiving ART will have viral suppression; and
- WHEREAS,** this year marks the 31st annual observance of National HIV Testing Day on June 27, and the Palm Beach County HIV Community Prevention Partnership and the Palm Beach County HIV CARE Council, through its partners are working together to provide HIV testing throughout Palm Beach County during the week surrounding National HIV Testing Day, June 23 – 29, 2025.

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, 2025

as

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 17th day of June 2025.

Betty Resch, Mayor

ATTEST:

Melissa Ann Coyne, City Clerk