

CITY OF LAKE WORTH BEACH

PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS,** In the United States, over 1 million people are infected with HIV, with a new infection occurring every 13 minutes, resulting in an estimated 40,000 new HIV infections annually; and
- WHEREAS,** In Florida, more than 116,900 people are living with HIV, and 1-in-8 HIV-infected individuals don't know that they're infected; and
- WHEREAS,** In Palm Beach County, more than 8,400 people, or 1-in-170 residents, are living with HIV; 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 27th 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 90-90-90 ambitious global plan to help end the AIDS epidemic has set its targets for 2020, that 90% of all people living with HIV / AIDS will know their HIV status, 90% of all people with diagnosed HIV will receive sustained ART, and 90% of all people receiving Antiretroviral Therapy (ART) will have viral suppression; and
- WHEREAS,** This year marks the 25th annual observance of National HIV Testing Day on June 27th, 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, 2021

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

JUNE 27, 2021
as
NATIONAL HIV TESTING DAY

and urge all residents of the city of Lake Worth Beach, Florida, to be tested for HIV to know his/her status and to take part in activities and observances designed to increase awareness and understanding 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 15th day of June, 2021.

Betty Resch, Mayor

ATTEST:

Deborah M. Andrea, City Clerk