

Proclamation

"World Aids Day"

Whereas, world-wide an estimated 38.4 million people are living with HIV, and an estimated 1.5 million new infections occurred in 2021, which is an estimated 4,100 new infections every day; and

Whereas, world-wide 15% of persons with HIV (PWH) don't know their status and only 75% of PWH who need life-saving antiretroviral therapy (ART) are currently accessing those medications; 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 targets for 2030, that 95% of all PWH 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, clinical evidence has firmly established that PWH who achieve and maintain an undetectable viral load by taking ART daily as prescribed cannot sexually transmit the virus to others, and this is known as Undetectable=Untransmittable, or U=U; and

Whereas, the World AIDS Day theme in the United States for 2022 is "Ending the HIV Epidemic: Equitable Access, Everyone's Voice"; and

Whereas, in Palm Beach County more than 8,200 persons are living with HIV and the Palm Beach County HIV Community Prevention Partnership and the Palm Beach County HIV CARE Council, through its partners are working together to renew HIV/AIDS awareness and to expand and strengthen the local effort to stop the spread of HIV in Palm Beach County on World AIDS Day.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Keith W. Babb, Jr., Mayor of the City of Pahokee, Florida, on behalf of the City Commission, hereby proclaim December 1st as:

"World Aids Day"

In official recognition whereof, I hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of Pahokee to be affixed this 22nd day of November 2022.

Keith W. Babb, Jr.

Mayor Keith W. Babb, Jr.

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