

WHEREAS, world-wide, an estimated 38 million people are living with HIV and an estimated 1.7 million new infections occurred in 2019, or about 4,500 new infections every day; and

WHEREAS, world-wide 19% of people infected do not know their status and only 67% of persons with HIV (PWH) are currently accessing life-saving antiretroviral therapy (ART); and

WHEREAS, the global spread of HIV infection and AIDS 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, in Palm Beach County more than 8,200 persons are living with HIV and about 1 new infection occurs every day, 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 SHELLY PETROLIA, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF DELRAY BEACH, do hereby proclaim December 1, 2023 as:

WORLD AIDS DAY

and urge all residents of the City of Delray 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 Official Seal of the City of Delray Beach, Florida, to be affixed this 14th day of November 2023.

**SHELLY PETROLIA
MAYOR**