

**WHEREAS**, world-wide, an estimated 39.9 million people are living with HIV and an estimated 1.3 million new infections occurred in 2023, or about 3,500 new infections every day; and

**WHEREAS**, world-wide 14% of people infected do not know their status and only 77% 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 8,800 persons are living with HIV and about 1 new infection occurs every day, 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 THOMAS F. CARNEY, JR., MAYOR OF THE CITY OF DELRAY BEACH**, do hereby proclaim December 1, 2024 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 19<sup>th</sup> day of November 2024.

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**THOMAS F. CARNEY, JR.**  
**MAYOR**