

**WHEREAS**, the COVID-19 pandemic has changed our world immeasurably over the past six months, and that a six-month disruption to medical supplies could result in an additional 500,000 AIDS-related deaths in sub-Saharan Africa alone by the end of 2021; and

**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, 2020 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 1<sup>st</sup> day of December 2020.

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**SHELLY PETROLIA  
MAYOR**