

WHEREAS, in the United States, over 1 million people are living with HIV, and every 13 minutes a new infection occurs resulting in almost 40,000 annual new HIV infections; and

WHEREAS, in Palm Beach County more than 8,500 people, or 1-in-168 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 2030, that 90% of all Persons Living with HIV (PLWH) will know their HIV status, 90% of all people with diagnosed HIV will receive sustained Anti-Retroviral Treatment (ART), and 90% of all people receiving ART will have viral suppression; and

WHEREAS, this year marks the 28th annual observance of National HIV Testing Day on June 27th, and Monarch Health Services, Inc, with its partners are working together to provide HIV testing and preventative services throughout Palm Beach County during the week surrounding National HIV Testing Day, June 27, 2021.

NOW, THEREFORE, I SHELLY PETROLIA, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF DELRAY BEACH, do hereby proclaim June 27, 2021 as:

NATIONAL HIV TESTING DAY

and urge all residents of the City of Delray Beach to take the HIV test to know your status and to take part in other activities and observances designed to increase awareness and understanding of HIV.

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 8th day of June 2021.

SHELLY PETROLIA
MAYOR