

PROCLAMATION

FROM THE OFFICE OF THE MAYOR CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA

WHEREAS, an estimated 36.7 million people world-wide are living with HIV, with another approximate 1.8 million new infections occurring each year, or about 5,000 new infections every day; and

WHEREAS, world-wide 30% of people infected with the disease don't know their status and only 57% of persons living with HIV (PLWH) are currently accessing life-saving anti-retroviral therapy (ART); and

WHEREAS, the global spread of HIV infection and AIDS necessitate 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 the first day of December each year as "**World AIDS Day**", and leads and inspires the world to achieve its shared vision of zero new HIV infections, zero discrimination of people infected and a vision of zero AIDS-related deaths; and

WHEREAS, the 90-90-90 ambitious global plan to help end the AIDS epidemic has set its targets for 2020, **that 90%** of all PLWH will know their HIV status, **90%** of all people with diagnosed HIV will receive sustained ART, and **90%** of all people receiving ART will have viral suppression and longer life; and

WHEREAS, in Palm Beach County more than 8,400 persons are living with HIV and about 1 new infection occurs every single day. There is good news in that 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, BE IT RESOLVED that I, **Bishop Thomas A. Masters, Mayor of the City of Riviera Beach, Florida**, by the power vested in me by the residents of this great City do hereby proclaim **December 1, 2018, "World AIDS Day"**. I encourage all residents of Riviera Beach to take part in activities and observances designed to increase awareness and understanding of HIV/AIDS as a global challenge and I also urge residents to join the global effort to prevent the further spread of HIV/AIDS.

IN WITNESS THEREFORE, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Official Seal of the City of Riviera Beach to be affixed on this 19th Day of November, Two Thousand Eighteen, A. D.

ATTEST:

Thomas A. Masters, Mayor

Claudene L. Anthony, CMC, City Clerk