

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, DECLARING DECEMBER 1, 2021 AS “WORLD AIDS DAY” IN THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, AND ENCOURAGING MIAMI BEACH RESIDENTS TO JOIN IN PLEDGING TO END DISCRIMINATION, STIGMA AND MARGINALIZATION OF THOSE AFFECTED.

WHEREAS, at its November 8, 2021 meeting, the City’s Human Rights Advisory Committee approved a motion requesting the Mayor and City Commission to proclaim December 1, 2021 as “World AIDS Day” in the City of Miami Beach; and

WHEREAS, every year, on December 1st, the world commemorates World AIDS Day to show support for people living with and affected by HIV, and to remember those who lost their lives to AIDS; and

WHEREAS, while COVID-19 pandemic has devastated communities worldwide and remains on-going, we must not forget about HIV/AIDS, a pandemic that has been raging for more than 40 years and remains one of the deadliest infectious diseases in history; and

WHEREAS, we must honor more than 36 million people, including 700,000 in the United States, who have died from AIDS-related illness globally since the start of the epidemic; and

WHEREAS, for four (4) decades, brave individuals have fought devastating discrimination, stigma, doubt, and violence as they stood in the face of this deadly disease; and

WHEREAS, this year is especially poignant as it has been 40 years since the first five cases of what later became known as AIDS were officially reported; and

WHEREAS, the City of Miami Beach recognizes the more than 38 million people currently living with HIV and AIDS worldwide, and although we have made great strides in the fight against HIV/AIDS, we still have a long way to go in guaranteeing prevention and treatment for all people, and in ensuring that everyone has the ability to obtain lifesaving medications regardless of their economic standing, and

WHEREAS, LGBTQ people in the United States and around the world continue to be disproportionately affected by HIV and AIDS, especially Black and Latinx members of the community due to structural and social inequalities that obstruct proven solutions to HIV prevention and treatment; and

WHEREAS, to end the HIV epidemic, we must uplift the voices of those who have been affected and take action to fight stigma in all aspects of our lives; and

WHEREAS, individuals living with HIV, who undergo antiretroviral therapy (ART), can maintain an undetectable viral load and not transmit the virus, and those who are HIV negative can protect themselves from transmission using pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP), a biomedical HIV prevention method; and

WHEREAS, with early detection, proper care, and the support of compassionate providers, people can live long and fulfilling lives because the advancements in HIV prevention and treatment options have been significant; and

WHEREAS, ending discrimination, stigma and marginalization will result in more persons getting tested, accessing treatment and reducing HIV transmission; and

WHEREAS, the City of Miami Beach joins the world in celebrating the extraordinary advancements we have made in the battle against HIV and AIDS and remembering those we have lost; and

WHEREAS, the City of Miami Beach joins other communities around the world in this global dedication to celebrate the extraordinary advancements made in the battle against HIV and AIDS, remember those lost, commit to educating people about HIV/AIDS and fighting HIV/AIDS.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, that the Mayor and City Commission hereby declare December 1, 2021 as "World AIDS Day" in the City of Miami Beach, and encourage Miami beach residents to join in pledging to end discrimination, stigma and marginalization of those affected.

PASSED and **ADOPTED** this 8th day of December 2021.


ATTEST:

Dan Gelber, Mayor

Rafael E. Granado, City Clerk

(sponsored by Vice-Mayor David Richardson)

APPROVED AS TO
FORM & LANGUAGE
& FOR EXECUTION



City Attorney *FA*

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Date