

*STATE OF FLORIDA*  
*CITY OF OAKLAND PARK*

## *PROCLAMATION*

**WHEREAS**, World AIDS Day, observed December 1 each year is dedicated to raising awareness of the AIDS pandemic caused by the spread of HIV infection; and

**WHEREAS**, the World Health Organization established World AIDS Day in 1988 to remember those we have lost too soon, reflect on the tremendous progress we have made in battling this disease, and carry forward the fight against HIV/AIDS; and

**WHEREAS**, there are an estimated 36.9 million people living with HIV worldwide and new HIV infections have been reduced by 47% since its peak in 1996; and

**WHEREAS**, World AIDS Museum and Educational Center earned a grant from Broward Community Foundation to install an artistic sculpture in the City's Art Park to commemorate those who have been infected and affected by the HIV epidemic; and

**WHEREAS**, as citizens and countries around the world come together in observance of World AIDS Day, it signifies a critical opportunity for each of us – public officials and private citizens alike – to celebrate the advances that allow people with HIV/AIDS to live long and productive lives and to renew our fight against the spread of unfounded stereotypes and misinformation about this disease.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the City Commission of the City of Oakland Park, Florida, by virtue of the authority vested in it by the Charter, does hereby authorize Mayor Tim Loneran to proclaim December 1, 2018, as

## **WORLD AIDS DAY**

in the City of Oakland Park, Florida, and encourage all citizens to join awareness efforts to reduce new HIV infections, increase access to healthcare, improve health outcomes for patients, reduce HIV-related disparities, and build a cohesive, coordinated response to HIV/AIDS.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Oakland Park, Florida, to be affixed this 7<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2018.

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
TIM LONERAN, MAYOR

ATTEST:

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RENEE M. SHROUT, CMC, CITY CLERK