

*STATE OF FLORIDA*  
*CITY OF OAKLAND PARK*

## *PROCLAMATION*

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

**WHEREAS**, This year has been especially poignant as we mark 40 years since the first five cases of what later became known as AIDS were officially reported and honor the 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**, 13 percent of infected Americans are unaware of their infection and need testing; and

**WHEREAS**, the 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**, the theme for the 2021 observance is *Ending the HIV Epidemic: Equitable Access, Everyone's Voice* continues to work with partners to create and implement programs, tools, and funding to help communities address HIV and celebrates the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimated eight percent decline in new HIV infections; 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 Michael E. Carn to proclaim December 1, 2021, as

# WORLD AIDS DAY

in the City of Oakland Park, Florida, and encourage all citizens to join awareness efforts to empower communities, partners, and healthcare providers to promote testing, prevention, and treatment, and reduce HIV stigma.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Oakland Park, Florida, to be affixed this 1<sup>st</sup> day of December, 2021.

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
MICHAEL E. CARN, MAYOR

ATTEST:

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RENEE M. SHROUT, CMC, CITY CLERK