Office of the Mayor
City of Fort Lauderdale

Proclamation

In Recognition of
Black Treatment Advocates Network
National HIV Testing Day

WHEREAS, The medical condition known as HIV and AIDS continues to result in approximately 50,000 new infections per year in the United States, with more than 1.2 million people living with HIV in the U.S. and almost one in eight unaware of their infection; and

WHEREAS, Florida ranks first in the nation for newly diagnosed HIV cases and third in the nation for newly diagnosed AIDS cases; and

WHEREAS, In Broward County, 1 out of 5 people with HIV are unaware they are HIV positive. Fort Lauderdale, ranks #2 in the state of Florida for number of new HIV and AIDS cases. Lauderhill and Lauderdale Lakes also have some of the highest rates of HIV cases in Broward County; and

WHEREAS, Each year, on June 27, the National Association of People with AIDS (NAPWA) in partnership with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), AIDS.gov and other national and local entities across the country, organize **National HIV Testing Day;** and

WHEREAS, BTAN (Black Treatment Advocates Network), a collaborative including Broward Health, the Florida Department of Health in Broward County, Broward House, the YMCA of South Florida, and several other partners, are committed to leading the effort to increase awareness of this preventable illness by celebrating **National HIV Testing Day in South Florida on June 27, 2016.** This year the BTAN collaborative will impact communities of Broward County with the **HIP (High Impact Prevention Community Barbecue** and the **Get HIP, Get Tested Concert** in an effort to bring awareness around the prevention of HIV, in recognition of **National HIV Testing Day** in the communities of Fort Lauderdale, Lauderhill and Lauderdale Lakes; and

WHEREAS, Mayors, commissioners and community leaders of our cities and county are uniquely well placed to help their populations understand that all people need to be tested for HIV infection, to protect their own health and help bring the epidemic under control; and

WHEREAS, The BTAN collaborative commits to educating and promoting HIV Testing, Education and Awareness year round and hold HIV testing in recognition of **National HIV Testing Day** each year.

NOW, THEREFORE, WE, as City Commissioners of the City of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, do hereby proclaim, **June 27, 2016** as:

National HIV Testing Day

in the city of Fort Lauderdale and do encourage our citizens to protect their health and that of the Fort Lauderdale community by taking the time to be tested for HIV infection.

DATED this, the 17th day of June 2016.

John P. Seiler

Mayor John P. "Jack" Seiler

CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE

National HIV TESTING Day JUNE 27

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