

RESOLUTION 307(20)

November 4, 2020

WHEREAS, World AIDS Day takes place on the 1st of December each year. It is an opportunity for people worldwide to unite in the fight against HIV, show their support for people living with HIV, and remember those who have died; and

WHEREAS, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the theme for this year's World AIDS Day is "Global Solidarity, Shared Responsibility;" which calls for the world to come together in response to global health issues, including AIDS; and

WHEREAS, HIV stands for human immunodeficiency virus. It is the virus that can lead to acquired immunodeficiency syndrome, or AIDS, if not treated. Unlike some other viruses, the human body can't get rid of HIV completely, even with treatment. So once you get HIV, you have it for life; and

WHEREAS, an estimated 40 million people worldwide have died of AIDS since 1981, and an estimated 38 million people were living with HIV in 2019; 36.2 million were adults, and 1.8 million were children (0-14 years); and

WHEREAS, about 14% (or 1 in 7) people living with HIV in the U.S. don't know it and need testing. Early HIV diagnosis is crucial. Everyone aged 13-64 should be tested at least once. People at higher risk of acquiring (or exposure to) HIV should be tested at least annually; and

WHEREAS, a person with HIV who takes HIV medicine as prescribed and gets and stays virally suppressed or undetectable can stay healthy and has effectively no risk of sexually transmitting HIV to HIV-negative partners; and

WHEREAS, World AIDS Day is important because it reminds the public and government that HIV has not gone away – there is still a vital need to raise money, increase awareness, fight prejudice and improve education.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Ocean County Board of Health, that Tuesday, December 1, 2020 is hereby proclaimed World AIDS Day in Ocean County.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution shall be forwarded to the Ocean County Board of Chosen Freeholders.

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Ayes	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Abstain									
Nays									
Absent									



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