

**A PROCLAMATION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF POMONA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, PROCLAIMING DECEMBER 1<sup>ST</sup>, 2019 AS “WORLD AIDS DAY 2019” IN THE CITY OF POMONA**

**WHEREAS**, the global epidemic of HIV infection and AIDS requires consistent commitment to action, compassionate and honest communication, education, and united action to stop the spread of HIV/AIDS worldwide as well as here in the County of Los Angeles; and

**WHEREAS**, the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS) observes December 1<sup>st</sup> of each year as World AIDS Day, with the goal of raising awareness and knowledge of HIV/AIDS for all peoples worldwide and as a day to expand and rededicate efforts to stop the spread of HIV/AIDS; and

**WHEREAS**, since its adoption in 2001 by the United Nations General Assembly, The Declaration of Commitment on HIV/AIDS sets out specific commitments for world leaders in the fight against the HIV/AIDS pandemic to include prevention campaigns, reducing stigma, building health infrastructures, providing necessary resources, and ensuring treatment, care, and respect for people living with HIV and AIDS; and

**WHEREAS**, UNAIDS estimates that 37.9 million people around the world are currently living with HIV, 1.7 million people became newly infected with HIV in 2018, and 770,000 people died of AIDS-related illnesses in 2018; bringing the total death-toll from AIDS-related illnesses to 32 million people worldwide since the start of the HIV/AIDS epidemic; and

**WHEREAS**, an estimated 60,946 persons are living with HIV/AIDS in Los Angeles County (according to LACounty.HIV) and that the disproportionate burden of HIV on young gay and bisexual men, communities of color, and transgender individuals, remind us that we have to work harder to provide life-saving services and medical advances to all communities that are disproportionately affected by HIV. We must be unrelenting in our collective efforts to address racism, stigma, homophobia, transphobia and the social determinants of health that hinder our success to end HIV; and

**WHEREAS**, World AIDS Day provides an opportunity to focus local, national and international attention on HIV infection and AIDS, increase our understanding and compassion for those living with HIV/AIDS and those at risk for infection, and more importantly, renew action on efforts to prevent the spread of HIV; and

**WHEREAS**, the World AIDS Day 2019 theme, “Communities make the difference,” recognizes the essential role that communities such as Pomona have played and continue to play in the AIDS response at the international, national and local levels.

**NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF POMONA** does hereby proclaim:

December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019

as

**“WORLD AIDS DAY 2019”**

**Dated this 18<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2019**