PROCLAMATION
BLACK HIV/AIDS AWARENESS DAY
FEBRUARY 7, 2020

WHEREAS, every year on February 7, individuals and organizations across the nation participate in National Black HIV/AIDS Awareness Day (NBHAAD) to promote HIV prevention, testing, treatment, and community involvement in black/African American communities; and

WHEREAS, this year's NBHAAD theme, "We're in This Together," highlights the importance of social support from friends, family, colleagues, and partners. Social support is especially important because of its potential to mitigate the negative impact of ongoing health disparities and stigma; and

WHEREAS, Blacks/African Americans account for a higher proportion of new HIV diagnoses and people with HIV, compared to other races/ethnicities; and

WHEREAS, in 2018, Blacks/African Americans accounted for 13% of the US population but 42% of the new HIV diagnoses in the United States and dependent areas; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Department of Health works to promote, protect and improve health through integrated community partnerships and provides HIV testing, treatment and prevention education for all residents.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MICHAEL J. MEIER, Mayor of the City of Stuart, Florida do hereby proclaim February 7, 2020, as

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in the City of Stuart, Florida and encourage residents to join the fight against HIV-related stigma and promote HIV testing, prevention, and treatment since "We're in This Together."

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Stuart, Florida to be affixed this 24th day of February, 2020.

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MICHAEL J. MEIER
MAYOR