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To Recognize December 1st, 2020 as World AIDS Day

WHEREAS, World AIDS Day was launched in 1988 by the World Health Organization as one of eight global public health campaigns created to raise international awareness regarding a pandemic that has claimed more than 35 million lives; and

WHEREAS, in February of 2020, *Ending the HIV Epidemic: A Plan for America* was released with goals of reaching a 75% reduction in new HIV infections by 2025 and at least 90% reduction by 2030; and

WHEREAS, HIV disproportionately harms people of color in the LGBTQ community; and

WHEREAS, around 25,000 individuals are living with diagnosed HIV in Ohio and around 6,000 live in Central Ohio; and

WHEREAS, the City of Columbus expresses its grateful appreciation for the significant partnerships that exist between Columbus Public Health, Equitas Health, the FACES Clinic at Nationwide Children's Hospital, the Ohio State University, and the AIDS Healthcare Foundation as they work to diminish this infection while raising community awareness; and

WHEREAS, the City of Columbus embraces its obligation to mitigate this issue for the public health, safety, and welfare of each of its citizens; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS: That this Council does hereby recognize World AIDS Day and adopt this resolution to raise awareness in the City of Columbus and further encourages Columbus Public Health and its committed community partners to continue the crusade to reduce and address issues related to HIV, AIDS, and other STDs.