

## RESOLUTION

NO. R-26-141

CITY HALL: April 9, 2026

**BY: COUNCILMEMBERS GREEN, WILLARD, MCCARRON AND HARRIS**

A **RESOLUTION** in support of the goals and ideals of “National Youth HIV/AIDS Awareness Day” and recognizing April 10 of each year as a day to raise awareness, promote education, and support youth impacted by HIV and AIDS.

**WHEREAS**, “National Youth HIV/AIDS Awareness Day” is a nationwide observance that calls on communities to invest in the health, education, and leadership of young people; and

**WHEREAS**, more than 1.2 million people in the United States are living with HIV, and approximately 31,800 people were diagnosed with HIV in 2022; and

**WHEREAS**, youth aged 13 to 24 account for approximately 20 percent of all new HIV diagnoses in the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, young people living with HIV are among the least likely to be retained in care or achieve viral suppression; and

**WHEREAS**, many young people living with HIV are unaware of their HIV status, contributing to ongoing transmission and barriers to treatment; and

**WHEREAS**, African-American youth are disproportionately impacted by HIV, and young Black gay and bisexual men are among the most affected populations; and

**WHEREAS**, the National HIV/AIDS Strategy emphasizes the need for tailored, youth-centered prevention, care, and treatment services; and

**WHEREAS**, access to comprehensive, medically accurate, and culturally responsive education and healthcare services, including HIV testing, prevention tools such as pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP), and treatment, is critical to reducing new infections among youth; and

**WHEREAS**, reducing stigma, discrimination, and barriers to care remains essential to improving health outcomes and ensuring that young people can access services without fear; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of New Orleans recognizes the importance of supporting youth, families, educators, healthcare providers, and community organizations in addressing HIV and AIDS through education, prevention, and access to care;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW ORLEANS**, that the Council hereby supports the goals and ideals of “National Youth

HIV/AIDS Awareness Day” and recognizes April 10 of each year as a day to raise awareness and promote action; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Council encourages local agencies, schools, healthcare providers, and community-based organizations to participate in awareness efforts and expand access to prevention, testing, and treatment services; and

**IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Council supports the dissemination of medically accurate, inclusive, and culturally competent HIV education and prevention strategies for young people; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Council affirms its commitment to reducing stigma and advancing equitable access to healthcare and supportive services for all youth impacted by HIV and AIDS; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the New Orleans Health Department and relevant community partners.

**THE FOREGOING RESOLUTION WAS READ IN FULL, THE ROLL WAS CALLED ON THE ADOPTION THEREOF, THE RESULT WAS AS FOLLOWS:**

**YEAS:**

**NAYS:**

**ABSENT:**

**AND THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.**