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## **National HIV Testing Day Proclamation**

**WHEREAS**, The medical condition known as HIV and AIDS is still a prominent and national concern, with 50,000 new infections each year. In the United States alone, 1,000 youth are diagnosed monthly with HIV. Over 10,000 Oregonians were diagnosed with HIV in the last 34 years, with approximately 300 new cases of HIV occurring each year; and

**WHEREAS**, One in seven individuals are unaware that they are HIV positive, with a new HIV infection occurring every 10.5 minutes; and

**WHEREAS**, Testing is critical to HIV prevention. Getting tested and actively managing HIV through treatment can not only reduce mortality and improve quality of life, but also reduces the risk of the spread of HIV from an infected person to their partner by 96%; and

**WHEREAS**, Each year, on June 27, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), AIDS.gov and other national and local entities across the United States, organize National HIV Testing Day. This initiative is a national challenge for all individuals to, "Take the Test, Take Control"; and

**WHEREAS**, City officials are exceptionally situated to increase awareness and understanding among their constituents that all Americans need to be tested for HIV infections, to not only protect their own health, but to also work towards eradicating HIV and AIDS,

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Thomas C. Munroe, Mayor of the City of Cottage Grove, Oregon, do hereby proclaim June 27, 2016, as

***"National HIV Testing Day"***

a day for all residents to "Take the Test, Take Control."

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Cottage Grove to be affixed this 27<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2016.



  
THOMAS C. MUNROE - MAYOR  
CITY OF COTTAGE GROVE, OREGON