

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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# SENATE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED BY HUGHES, FEBRUARY 5, 2003

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## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing February 7, 2003, as "National Black HIV/AIDS  
2 Awareness Day."

3 WHEREAS, February 7, 2003, is the third annual "National  
4 Black HIV/AIDS Awareness Day" and on that day and in the days  
5 leading up to it, more than 150 community organizations in more  
6 than 60 cities across the United States are sponsoring programs  
7 to call attention to the devastating effects of HIV/AIDS on the  
8 African-American community; and

9 WHEREAS, These activities are designed to encourage African  
10 Americans and other concerned citizens to get educated, get  
11 tested and get involved in advocating for more resources to  
12 fight the HIV/AIDS pandemic; and

13 WHEREAS, On February 7, 2003, local HIV/AIDS organizations  
14 and civic groups across the United States are sponsoring  
15 activities including free HIV testing, community forums,  
16 leadership testimony, voter registration, distribution of  
17 information packets and marches, rallies or candlelight vigils;

1 and

2 WHEREAS, African Americans make up 13% of the United States  
3 population but represent 52% of persons diagnosed with human  
4 immunodeficiency virus (HIV), the virus that causes AIDS, an  
5 estimated 1 in 50 African American men and 1 in 160 African  
6 American women are infected with HIV, and African-American  
7 children under 13 years of age represent almost 64% of all  
8 reported pediatric HIV cases in the United States; therefore be  
9 it

10 RESOLVED, That the Senate of Pennsylvania recognize February  
11 7, 2003, as "National Black HIV/AIDS Awareness Day" and  
12 encourage citizens across Pennsylvania to "get educated, get  
13 tested and get involved."