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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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# SENATE RESOLUTION

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A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing February 7, 2005, as "National Black HIV/AIDS  
2 Awareness Day."

3 WHEREAS, February 7, 2005, is the fifth annual "National  
4 Black HIV/AIDS Awareness Day" and on that day and in the days  
5 leading up to it, community organizations across the United  
6 States are sponsoring programs to call attention to the  
7 devastating effects of HIV/AIDS on the African-American  
8 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, 2005, local HIV/AIDS organizations  
14 and civic groups across the United States are sponsoring  
15 activities, which may include free HIV testing, community  
16 forums, leadership testimony, voter registration, distribution  
17 of information packets and marches, rallies or candlelight

1 vigils; and

2 WHEREAS, African Americans make up 12% of the United States  
3 population but represent 49% 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, 2005, as "National Black HIV/AIDS Awareness Day" and  
12 encourage citizens across Pennsylvania to "get educated, get  
13 tested and get involved."