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## A RESOLUTION

1 Designating February 7, 2008, as "Black HIV/AIDS Awareness Day"  
2 in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, The mission of National Black HIV/AIDS Awareness Day  
4 is to build awareness, participation and support for HIV  
5 prevention, care, testing and treatment among African Americans;  
6 and

7 WHEREAS, The primary goal of National Black HIV/AIDS  
8 Awareness Day is to motivate African Americans to get tested and  
9 know their HIV status, get educated about the transmission modes  
10 of HIV/AIDS, get involved in their local communities and get  
11 treated if they are currently living with HIV or are newly  
12 diagnosed; and

13 WHEREAS, More than 2,000 organizations in more than 800  
14 cities across the United States plan to participate in National  
15 Black HIV/AIDS Awareness Day this year; and

16 WHEREAS, National Black HIV/AIDS Awareness Day is directed,  
17 planned and organized by a working group of national

1 organizations in partnership with the Centers for Disease  
2 Control and Prevention to mobilize communities and address  
3 specific issues in regard to local epidemics and best practices  
4 that are science-based and will influence the course of HIV in  
5 African-American communities across the United States; and

6 WHEREAS, Today, nearly seven in ten new AIDS cases occur  
7 among African Americans; and

8 WHEREAS, African Americans make up just 13% of the nation's  
9 population, yet more than half, or 55%, of all AIDS deaths occur  
10 among African Americans; and

11 WHEREAS, National Black HIV/AIDS Awareness Day is a national  
12 call to increase awareness of the threat and impact of HIV/AIDS  
13 on the African-American community; and

14 WHEREAS, It is fitting that we join with national and local  
15 groups to express our strong support for National Black HIV/AIDS  
16 Awareness Day and the initiatives to prevent the spread of  
17 HIV/AIDS in African-American communities and provide treatment  
18 and support services to those living with HIV/AIDS; therefore be  
19 it

20 RESOLVED, That the Senate designate February 7, 2008, as  
21 "Black HIV/AIDS Awareness Day" in Pennsylvania and urge all  
22 citizens to strongly support this day and participate in events  
23 planned to commemorate the occasion.