
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED BY HUGHES, WASHINGTON, KITCHEN, STOUT, DINNIMAN,
FONTANA, FARNESE, PILEGGI, WOZNIAK, O'PAKE, BRUBAKER AND
ALLOWAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2010

INTRODUCED AND ADOPTED, FEBRUARY 1, 2010

A RESOLUTION

1 Supporting "National Black HIV/AIDS Awareness Day" on February
2 7, 2010, in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, The mission of "National Black HIV/AIDS Awareness
4 Day" 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
9 and know their HIV status, get educated about the transmission
10 modes of HIV/AIDS, get involved in their local communities and
11 get 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 this 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
12 national call to increase awareness of the threat and impact of
13 HIV/AIDS 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
16 HIV/AIDS Awareness Day" and the initiatives to prevent the
17 spread of HIV/AIDS in African-American communities and provide
18 treatment and support services to those living with HIV/AIDS;
19 therefore be it

20 RESOLVED, That the Senate support "National Black HIV/AIDS
21 Awareness Day" in Pennsylvania on February 7, 2010, and urge all
22 citizens to strongly support this day and participate in events
23 planned to commemorate the occasion.