

The Board of Supervisors of Contra Costa County, California

In the matter of recognizing National Black HIV/AIDS Awareness Day and commending Community Partners for their efforts to prevent HIV infections and support those living with HIV/AIDS

RESOLUTION NO. 2012/84

WHEREAS, February 7, 2012 is the 12th observance of National Black HIV/AIDS Awareness Day and this observance is a nationwide effort to mobilize Black communities to get educated, get tested, get involved and get treated around HIV/AIDS, as it continues to devastate Black communities; and

WHEREAS, National Black HIV/AIDS Awareness Day is directed, planned and strategically overseen by a National Planning Council led by Healthy Black Communities, Inc. to mobilize community based organizations and stakeholders involved in HIV/AIDS prevention, care and treatment; and

WHEREAS, African-Americans now account for more total AIDS diagnoses and higher HIV infection rates than any other racial or ethnic group and represent the most new cases among men, women, and children; and

WHEREAS, nearly 4,500 residents of Contra Costa have been diagnosed since the beginning of the epidemic; and

WHEREAS, approximately 1,800 residents of Contra Costa are living with HIV and nearly 32% of these men, women and children are African-American; and

WHEREAS, community based agencies are partnering with the health department to take action in Contra Costa including the East and West Contra Costa HIV Task Forces, the Contra Costa HIV Consortium, Community Health Empowerment, Catholic Charities of the East Bay, First Baptist Church Community Outreach, Food Bank of Contra Costa and Solano, Greater Richmond Interfaith Program, Neighborhood House of North Richmond, New Connections, Rainbow Community Center of Contra Costa, Rainbow Programs and the YWCA; and

WHEREAS, these community partners and others continue to provide services and support for African Americans and all concerned residents.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors hereby commends the work of our community partners to prevent and support those living with HIV/AIDS, recognizes February 7, 2012 as National Black HIV/AIDS Awareness Day in Contra Costa County, and hereby call upon all residents, parents, government agencies, elected officials, businesses, private institutions, non-profit agencies, religious communities, hospitals and schools to use our collective powers and energy to encourage dialogue about HIV/AIDS, integrate HIV testing into routine healthcare, support routine HIV testing, reduce stigma of HIV/AIDS and respond compassionately to people living with HIV so that we can change the course of HIV/AIDS in Contra Costa and the nation.

PASSED by a unanimous vote of the Board of Supervisors members present this 28th day of February, 2012.

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