

October 10, 2006

MOTION BY SUPERVISORS GLORIA MOLINA AND YVONNE B. BURKE

National Latino AIDS Awareness Day (NLAAD) creates awareness regarding HIV and AIDS and its impact on Latino communities across the nation. Community-based organizations work with County government, local businesses, civic leaders, elected officials, religious leaders and the media to spread the word that stigma and shame regarding sexuality, gender issues and drug use continue to mute the voice of a unified Latino community against AIDS and the spread of HIV.

According to the Kaiser Family Foundation, an estimated AIDS prevalence among Latinos increased nationally by 31% between 2000 and 2004, compared to the 22% increase among Caucasians. Among women, Latinas accounted for 15% of new AIDS cases in 2004 alone. AIDS was the sixth leading cause of death for Latinos ages 25 to 34 in the United States and the second leading cause of death among Latinas ages 24 to 44. October 15, 2006 is the final day of Hispanic Heritage Month in the United States, and this is the fourth annual observance of National Latino AIDS Awareness Day. On that date in Los Angeles County, a Health Fair and a community concert is being held, and HIV Testing will be available for those interested.

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I, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors proclaim October 15, 2006 as National Latino AIDS Awareness Day in Los Angeles County, and all Los Angeles County residents are encouraged to participate in related programs and events.

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