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African Americans are disproportionately affected by the HIV/AIDS epidemic. According to the National Center for Health Statistics 2006 Report, HIV/AIDS is one of the top 10 leading causes of death for African Americans; and in the same year African Americans accounted for more than half (54 percent) of estimated new HIV infections in the United States. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) reports that Blacks account for almost half (49%) of the nation's AIDS cases and nearly 19 percent of all people living with AIDS in California, of which 80% are men.

In Los Angeles County, infection rates are consistently highest for both African-American males and African-American females; 4,300 African Americans are currently living with AIDS. Furthermore, African Americans account for a quarter of all new HIV positive tests, despite representing less than 10% of the county's population.

The mission of National Black HIV/AIDS Awareness Day (*NBHAAD*) is to build the capacity and increase awareness, participation, and support for HIV prevention, as well as care and treatment among African Americans. February 7, 2007 marks the seventh year of this annual event. The primary goals of NBHAAD are to motivate

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African Americans to get tested and know their HIV status; get educated about the transmission modes of HIV/AIDS; get involved in their local community; and get treated if they are newly diagnosed or are currently living with HIV/AIDS.

I, THEREFORE, MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

Proclaim Wednesday, February 7, 2007 as "National Black HIV/AIDS Awareness Day" throughout the County of Los Angeles and encourage all employees to voluntarily support this worthwhile event and participate in activities related to the 2007 National Black HIV/AIDS Awareness Day.

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