

NATIONAL BLACK HIV/AIDS
AWARENESS DAY 2008 · PREVENTION IS POWER
Get **Educated.** Get **Tested.** Get **Involved.** Get **Treated.**

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NOTE: Call your city or state offices to identify the right individual to send this letter and a sample proclamation. Send it to these individuals as soon as possible before your events and follow-up by telephone to ensure your request is being considered.

[Date]

[name]

[title]

[address]

Dear **[name]**:

More than **[number]** citizens of **[name of your city or state]** have HIV/AIDS – **[number and percentage]** of those afflicted are African Americans. In the nation as a whole, African-Americans comprise 13 % of the US population, yet represent almost half (49 percent) of AIDS cases.

To call attention to this health crisis in the Black community, **[name of city or cities in your state]** will join more than 800 cities nationwide to observe **National Black HIV/AIDS Awareness Day**, February 7, 2008. The objective of **National Black HIV/AIDS Awareness Day** is to encourage individuals to **get educated** about HIV/AIDS, **get tested** and know their HIV status, **get involved** in advocating for the resources necessary to fight the disease and **get treated** should they be living with or newly contract HIV/AIDS. **[Number]** of local **[or state]** agencies will participate in educational events and “get tested” opportunities on February 7, 2008.

As the **[mayor or governor]** of our **[city/state]** and an individual who has a commitment to the health and safety of all people, we would be honored to have **[Mayor’s name/ Governor’s name]** support this important observance. Attached is a draft proclamation that we hope the **[mayor/governor]** and the **[city council, village board, state assembly, etc.]** will issue on behalf of **National Black HIV/AIDS Awareness Day**.

Should you have questions, please feel free to call me at **[phone number]**. I will contact you shortly to make sure you have received this information and to discuss the possibility of a proclamation being issued.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Name, Title
Organization
Phone number
E-mail address