



## Sample Proclamation

**NOTE: Call your local City Hall or State offices to identify the person to whom a letter and sample proclamation should be sent.**

A RESOLUTION to designate February 7, 2010, as "**National Black HIV/AIDS Awareness Day**" in **[name of city or state]**

WHEREAS February 7, 2010, is the tenth year commemoration and observance of *National Black HIV/AIDS Awareness Day*; and

WHEREAS, 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 *Strategic Leadership Council* made up of prominent organizations, including the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), to mobilize community based organizations and stakeholders involved in HIV/AIDS prevention, care and treatment; and

WHEREAS, **[number]** residents of **[city or state]** are living with HIV and **[percentage]** of these men, women and children are Black; and

WHEREAS, **[list the names of state or city organizations that are involved]** are hosting community events to recognize this day and its importance to Blacks and all concerned citizens; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that we join with these national and local groups to express our strong support for *National Black HIV/AIDS Awareness Day* and the initiatives to prevent the spread of HIV/AIDS in Black communities and provide access to and utilization of HIV/AIDS prevention, treatment and support services to those affected by HIV/AIDS; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE **[name of governing body]** that we designate **February 7, 2010**, as *National Black HIV/AIDS Awareness Day* in **[city/state]**, and encourage local residents to strongly support this day and participate in events planned to commemorate the occasion.