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, 2013, as “National Black HIV/AIDS Awareness Day” in [name of city or state]

WHEREAS February 7, 2013, is the thirteenth 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 Healthy Black Communities, Inc. an international community based organization dedicated to mobilize community based organizations and stakeholders involved in HIV and AIDS education, 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 local, national and international community stakeholders to express our strong support for National Black HIV/AIDS Awareness Day and the initiatives that work to prevent the transmission of HIV and reduce AIDS diagnoses 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, 2013, 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.