



# City of Columbus

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## Legislation Text

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To recognize and support the Columbus Regional Advisory Group for their efforts in HIV Prevention and to declare December 1, 2007 World Aids Day in the City of Columbus.

**Whereas**, World AIDS Day is observed every year on December 1 to encourage action in the face of the global HIV/AIDS pandemic, and to raise awareness in local communities on every continent, and in every country; and

**Whereas**, there have been over 65,000,000 cases of HIV infection around the world, over 1,000,000 in the United States, and Franklin County ranks #2 in Ohio for persons living with HIV/AIDS, making AIDS one of the worst epidemics in human history; and

**Whereas**, HIV/AIDS knows no boundaries: it affects men and women, the young and the elderly, people of all races, socioeconomic classes, sexual identities, and people from all faith traditions, and for every person with HIV/AIDS there are friends, mothers, fathers, children, siblings, coworkers and classmates, and neighbors who are often personally impacted as well; and

**Whereas**, the theme for World AIDS Day 2007 is "Leadership," emphasizing that leadership must be demonstrated at every level to get ahead of the disease - in families, in communities, in countries and internationally; and

**Whereas**, the fight against HIV/AIDS globally, nationally, and in our local communities requires a commitment to education, treatment, and compassion at all levels of community life, from government to individual citizen action; and

**Whereas**, the fight against HIV/AIDS also calls on us to talk about HIV/AIDS in our personal relationships, in our families and to our children, so that we communicate factual information to those we love about the steps they can take to avoid HIV infection; and

**Whereas**, the fight against HIV/AIDS also calls on us to heed the recommendation of U.S. public health officials-that all adult Americans should get the HIV antibody test-so that we can promote early access to medical care, and thereby improve medical outcomes for people now living with the virus, therefore,

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS:**

That December 1, 2007 is declared World AIDS Day in the City of Columbus, and reaffirms the city's commitment to support a compassionate community response to HIV/AIDS.