

Legislation Text

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To designate February 7, 2015, as "National Black HIV/AIDS Awareness Day" in Columbus, Ohio.

WHEREAS, February 7, 2015, is the 15<sup>th</sup> year of 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 residents of Franklin County are living with HIV and 33% of these men and women are Black ; and

WHEREAS, National Black HIV/AIDS Awareness Day is directed, planned and strategically overseen by a Strategic Leadership Committee made up of prominent organizations, including the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), to mobilize community based organizations and stakeholders involved in HIV/AIDS prevention, care and treatment; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that we join with these local, national and international 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 utilization of HIV/AIDS prevention, treatment and support services to those affected by HIV/AIDS;

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

That this Council designates February 7, 2015, as National Black HIV/AIDS Awareness Day in Columbus, OH