



## Legislation Text

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To recognize World AIDS Day and to encourage Columbus Public Health and its dedicated community partners to continue their efforts to serve and alleviate issues related to reducing HIV, AIDS and other STDs.

**WHEREAS**, World AIDS Day was launched in 1988 by the World Health Organization as one of eight global public health campaigns created to raise international awareness regarding a pandemic that has claimed more than 35 million lives - the 2018 theme for World AIDS Day, marking its 30th Anniversary on the 1<sup>st</sup> of December, will be “Know your status;” and

**WHEREAS**, more than 12,000 residents have died from HIV or AIDS complications in the State of Ohio since the epidemic began; and

**WHEREAS**, more than 21,000 Ohioans live with HIV, including more than 4,600 that reside in Franklin County; and

**WHEREAS**, HIV and AIDS continue to plague communities around the State of Ohio; 199 new cases were reported in Franklin County 2016; and

**WHEREAS**, a racial disparity exists as African Americans have an HIV/AIDS rate which is 4.5 times higher than whites; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Columbus, expresses its grateful appreciation for the significant partnerships that exists between Columbus Public Health, Equitas Health, the FACES Clinic at Nationwide Children’s Hospital, and the AIDS Healthcare Foundation - each of these stakeholders come together each year on World AIDS Day - continuing the crusade to diminish this infection while raising community awareness; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Columbus embraces its obligation to mitigate this issue for the public health, safety, and welfare of each of its citizens; the City also in the spirit of partnership and pursuant to the World AIDS Day Theme for 2018, encourages everyone to “know their HIV status;” now therefore,

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS:** That this Council does hereby recognize World AIDS Day and adopt this resolution to raise awareness in the City of Columbus and further encourages Columbus Public Health and its committed community partners to continue the crusade to reduce and address issues related to HIV, AIDS and other STDs.