



1 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The AIDS epidemic continues to pervade our world,
3 affecting both men and women of all ages and ethnicities; and

4 WHEREAS, Since the AIDS epidemic first surfaced in the
5 United States, an estimated 929,985 AIDS cases have been
6 reported, and approximately 524,000 or 56 percent of those
7 individuals have lost their lives as a result of the disease;
8 and

9 WHEREAS, Of those 929,985 reported cases, nearly 30,139
10 were from the State of Illinois; in 2003, there were 1,730
11 individuals diagnosed with AIDS in Illinois; and

12 WHEREAS, The city of Chicago accounts for approximately 73
13 percent of all reported AIDS cases in Illinois; since 1981, at
14 least 22,190 persons in Chicago have been diagnosed with AIDS,
15 and at least 11,931 of those individuals have died; and

16 WHEREAS, The General Assembly of the State of Illinois has
17 provided increasing funds to raise greater awareness of AIDS,
18 support cutting-edge research and treatment, and provide
19 counseling and testing services to the citizens of this State;
20 and

21 WHEREAS, The State of Illinois proudly joins the City of
22 Chicago in the continuing fight against AIDS; on December 1,
23 2005, citizens representing coalitions and faith-based
24 organizations throughout the Chicago area have joined with the
25 Chicago Department of Public Health to sponsor World AIDS Day
26 2005, which is a globally recognized event each year; and

27 WHEREAS, World AIDS Day is an opportunity to educate
28 citizens about AIDS, to pay tribute to the many lives that have
29 been lost, and to express support for the ongoing efforts to

1 one day find a cure for this devastating epidemic; therefore,
2 be it

3 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
4 NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE
5 SENATE CONCURRING HEREIN, that we do hereby proclaim December
6 1, 2005 as World AIDS Day in Illinois, and urge all citizens to
7 join in this very meaningful and poignant observance.