



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 944,306 AIDS cases have been  
6 reported, and approximately 529,113 or 56% of those individuals  
7 have lost their lives as a result of the disease; and

8 WHEREAS, Of those 944,306 reported cases, nearly 31,021  
9 were from the State of Illinois; in 2004, there were 1,679  
10 individuals diagnosed with AIDS in Illinois; and

11 WHEREAS, The city of Chicago accounts for approximately 74%  
12 of all reported AIDS cases in Illinois; since 1981, at least  
13 22,935 persons in Chicago have been diagnosed with AIDS, and at  
14 least 12,855 of those individuals have died; and

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

20 WHEREAS, the African-American HIV/AIDS Response Act was  
21 championed by the Illinois General Assembly as a comprehensive  
22 plan to address the African-American HIV/AIDS crisis in the  
23 State of Illinois; and

24 WHEREAS, the State of Illinois proudly joins the City of  
25 Chicago in the continuing fight against AIDS; on December 1,  
26 2006, citizens representing coalitions and faith-based  
27 organizations throughout the Chicago area have joined with the  
28 Chicago Department of Public Health to sponsor World AIDS Day  
29 2006, which is a globally recognized event each year; and

1           WHEREAS, World AIDS Day is an opportunity to educate  
2 citizens about AIDS, to pay tribute to the many lives that have  
3 been lost, and to express support for the ongoing efforts to  
4 one day find a cure for this devastating epidemic; therefore,  
5 be it

6           RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
7 NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE  
8 SENATE CONCURRING HEREIN, that we do hereby proclaim December  
9 1, 2006 as World AIDS Day in Illinois, and we urge all citizens  
10 to join in this very meaningful and poignant observance.