



COMMISSIONERS
Jane L. Campbell
Jimmy Dimora
Tim McCormack

CUYAHOGA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

RESOLUTION

Urging increased communication, education, requisite funding and treatment services to stop the spread of HIV/AIDS; recognition of World Aids Day on December 1, 2001.

WHEREAS, World AIDS Day is observed each year on December 1, to strengthen global efforts to address the AIDS epidemic.

WHEREAS, This year's theme—*I Care . . . Do You? Youth and AIDS in the 21st Century*—emphasizes that every individual has a responsibility and an opportunity to make a constructive contribution to the prevention of HIV/AIDS.

WHEREAS, The number of persons living with and prevalence of HIV infection is increasing worldwide and in northeast Ohio; and young people under age 25 represent half of all new HIV infection cases, and ten million people ages 15-24 are living with HIV/AIDS, and every minute, five young people are infected with HIV.

WHEREAS, The goal of World AIDS DAY 2001 is to underscore that youth are significantly infected and affected by HIV and to call for greater education and involvement of young people in diagnosing, treating and preventing HIV/AIDS.

WHEREAS, The Ryan White Comprehensive AIDS Resources Emergency Act, Title I directs federal emergency funding to urban areas hardest hit by the HIV/AIDS epidemic.

WHEREAS, Cuyahoga County serves as the grantee of Ryan White Title I for the Eligible Metropolitan Area (EMA) consisting of Ashtabula, Cuyahoga, Geauga, Lake, Lorain and Medina counties.

AND, WHEREAS, The County has established the Cuyahoga Regional HIV Services Planning Council to facilitate needs assessment and service planning and for Title I eligible persons and families living with HIV/AIDS.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Cuyahoga, Ohio, and on behalf of Ashtabula, Geauga, Lake, Lorain and Medina partner counties, hereby join the City of Cleveland, AIDS Funding Collaborative, North Coast HIV/AIDS Coalition, and all other individuals, agencies and organizations in commemorating December 1, 2001, World AIDS Day 2001, and reaffirm a commitment to allocate resources to increase and coordinate education, awareness, advocacy, prevention and treatment services to strengthen efforts to address the AIDS pandemic in northeast Ohio.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the Board be, and she is, hereby instructed to transmit a copy of this resolution to Bette Meyer, Deputy County Administrator, with instructions to transmit a copy of this resolution each to Mayor Michael R. White, City of Cleveland; Cleveland City Council President Michael D. Polensek; Presidents of the Boards of County Commissioners listed above; AIDS Funding Collaborative; North Coast HIV/AIDS Coalition and the Cuyahoga Regional HIV/AIDS Planning Council.

On Motion of Commissioner Campbell, seconded by Commissioner McCormack, the foregoing resolution was duly adopted.

Ayes: Campbell, McCormack, Dimora.

Nays: None.

Resolution Adopted.

**Marjorie J. Pettus,
Clerk of the Board**

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