

**RESOLUTION**

**Recognizing December 1, 2003 as World AIDS Day; urging increased communication, education, requisite and treatment services to stop the spread of HIV/AIDS.**

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

**WHEREAS, since 1988, December 1<sup>st</sup> has been a day commemorated with messages of compassion, hope, solidarity and understanding about AIDS to every country and community of the world.**

**WHEREAS, the number of reported cases in the United States now approaches 1,000,000 infected men, women and children including over 3,500 cases in northeast Ohio.**

**WHEREAS, this year's theme "Do You Have Time?" serves as a reminder that prevention, treatment and a cure require an ongoing commitment.**

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

**WHEREAS, the Board of Cuyahoga County Commissioners has established the Cuyahoga Regional HIV Services Planning Council to facilitate the determination of the community's service needs and coordinate service planning for uninsured and underinsured persons living with HIV/AIDS through the Title I Program.**

**AND WHEREAS, the Ryan White CARE Act funded programs provide free medical and social support services to more than 2,500 individuals in northeast Ohio living with HIV/AIDS.**

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Cuyahoga, Ohio, hereby commemorates December 1, 2003, World AIDS Day 2003, 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 Board recognize the efforts of our partners in planning and delivering services to persons living with HIV/AIDS and their families to assure access to timely medical treatment and to develop opportunities to reduce stigma and create understanding and awareness and to prevent the spread of HIV disease.**

**The Cuyahoga Regional HIV Services Planning Council  
The AIDS Funding Collaborative  
The City of Cleveland Department of Public Health  
The State of Ohio, Department of Health, AIDS Client Resources Section  
The AIDS Task Force of Greater Cleveland  
Camp Sunrise  
Cleveland Treatment Center, Inc. - Project S.A.F.E.  
Community Health Partners  
Cuyahoga County Department of Senior and Adult Services  
The Free Clinic of Greater Cleveland**

**Hispanic Urban Minority Alcohol & Drug Abuse Outreach Program  
Hospice of the Western Reserve  
Lake County General Health District  
MetroHealth Medical Center and Clement Center for Family Care  
Murtis H. Taylor Multi-Service Center  
Ohio AIDS Coalition  
Proyecto Luz  
Quality Health Care Consultants, Inc.  
Recovery Resources  
University Hospitals of Cleveland  
Visiting Nurse Association**

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Clerk of the Board be, and she is, hereby instructed to transmit a copy of this resolution to the Cuyahoga Regional HIV/AIDS Planning Council and to all Title I service providers and partner organizations listed above with the Board's gratitude and commendation.

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

**Ayes: McCormack, Jones, Dimora.**

**Nays: None.**

**Resolution Adopted.**

**Penelope M. Hughes,  
Clerk of the Board**

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