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### **National Black HIV/AIDS Awareness Week**

#### **Press Conference and Candlelight March Planned**

**San Francisco, CA --Monday, February 7, 2011** is our nation's *11th National Black HIV Awareness Day*. In San Francisco, the AIDS Office, Department of Public Health, and various community-based organizations will kick off **National Black HIV Awareness Day at 5 p.m.** on the steps of **City Hall**, followed by a candlelight march from City Hall to the Western Addition.

HIV/AIDS still has a looming presence in the African-American community both in San Francisco as well as across the nation. The purpose of the march is to raise awareness of the continued impact of the disease in African-American communities and to underscore the importance of the work that still needs to be done in fighting HIV/AIDS here at home.

A community discussion at the African-American Art & Culture Complex will follow the march to the Western Addition, with keynote speaker Bishop Yvette Flunder, from the City of Refuge church in San Francisco. Bishop Flunder's City of Refuge UCC, founded in 1991, continues to thrive within the inner-city congregation and to inspire the spiritual growth of all who join in their fellowship and community. The Ark of Refuge programs are committed to continuing their excellent work in communities at high risk and disproportionately affected by HIV, such as the transgender community.

For more information about the activities and events surrounding National Black HIV/AIDS Awareness Day, contact Vincent Fuqua from the SFDPH AIDS Office at 415-554-9073 or at [vincent.fuqua@sfdph.org](mailto:vincent.fuqua@sfdph.org).

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**The mission of the San Francisco Department of Public Health is to protect and promote the health of all San Franciscans.**

We shall ~ Assess and research the health of the community ~ Develop and enforce health policy ~ Prevent disease and injury ~  
~ Educate the public and train health care providers ~ Provide quality, comprehensive, culturally-proficient health services ~ Ensure equal access to all ~

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