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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 SFPDH AIDS Office at 415-554-9073 or at
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