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Black HIV/AIDS Awareness Week

Press Conference and Candlelight March Planned

San Francisco, CA—Tuesday, February 7, 2012 is our nation's 12th *National Black HIV Awareness Day*. In San Francisco, the San Francisco Department of Public Health AIDS Office and various community-based organizations will kick off National Black HIV Awareness Day at 4:30 p.m. at Black Coalition AIDS, 2800 Third Street, followed by a candlelight march to the Bayview Opera House. There will also be HIV and STI testing available for free. Members of the public are encouraged to attend.

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.

Following the march, a community discussion will be held at the Bayview Opera House with keynote speaker Dr. Ken Monterio, Dean of Ethnic Studies at San Francisco State University.

For more information about the week's activities and events, contact Vincent Fuqua, AIDS Office, 554-9073, 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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