

# Proclamation



**Whereas**, THE GREATER BRIDGEPORT ADOLESCENT PREGNANCY PROGRAM, IN PARTNERSHIP WITH VARIOUS LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS, ANNOUNCES A CALL TO ACTION, A SOCIAL MARKETING CAMPAIGN, IN THE CITY OF BRIDGEPORT, CONNECTICUT ENCOURAGING MINORITIES TO INCREASE ACCESS TO FREE HIV TESTING SITES; AND,

**Whereas**, TODAY, THERE ARE AN ESTIMATED 850,000 TO 900,000 HIV-POSITIVE INDIVIDUALS LIVING IN THE UNITED STATES ACCORDING TO THE CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION (CDC); OF THESE, 180,000 TO 280,000 DON'T EVEN KNOW THAT THEY ARE INFECTED AND ARE SUFFERING FROM THE LACK OF TREATMENT.

**Whereas**, AFRICAN AMERICANS AND LATINOS ARE CONTRACTING HIV, THE VIRUS THAT CAUSES AIDS, DISPROPORTIONATELY COMPARED WITH MEMBERS OF OTHER RACES AND ETHNICITIES, AND

**Whereas**, THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF PEOPLE WITH AIDS BELIEVES THAT KNOWING ONE'S HIV STATUS IS AN ESSENTIAL STEP IN TAKING CONTROL OF ONE'S LIFE AND HEALTH, AND

**Whereas**, THE CALL TO ACTION OBSERVANCE IS TO EMPOWER, EDUCATE AND MOBILIZE THE MINORITY COMMUNITY TO ACCESS SERVICES FOR HIV/AIDS EDUCATION, PREVENTION, TREATMENT AND CARE; AND,

**Now Therefore**, I, BILL FINCH, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF BRIDGEPORT, CONNECTICUT, IN RECOGNITION OF THIS EVENT, HEREBY PROCLAIM FEBRUARY 28, 2008 AS

## A Call To Action: Mobilizing Communities of Color to Take Control-Take The Test

IN THE GREAT CITY OF BRIDGEPORT, CONNECTICUT  
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I HAVE HEREUNTO SET MY HAND AND CAUSED THE SEAL OF THE CITY  
OF BRIDGEPORT TO BE AFFIXED THIS 28th DAY OF February A.D. 2008