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WORLD AIDS DAY RESOLUTION

Whereas, the World Health Organization has declared December 1, as World AIDS Day. This year is its twenty 23rd anniversary.

Whereas, first observed in 1988, World AIDS Day was initiated by Ministers of Health from around the world, who called for a spirit of social tolerance and greater awareness of HIV/AIDS on an international scale.

Whereas, observing World AIDS Day each year helps us to honor those who have died from, those who live with, and those who care for people with AIDS, and to focus attention on the prevention and treatment of HIV and AIDS-related conditions. This year's World AIDS Theme is "Getting to Zero.

Whereas, today, we are experiencing a domestic HIV epidemic that demands our attention and leadership. Chicago has a role to play in reducing the stigma of HIV/AIDS. World AIDS Day serves as an important reminder that HIV/AIDS has not gone away.

Whereas, more than one million Americans currently live with HIV/AIDS in the United States, and more than 56,000 become infected each year. For too long, this epidemic has loomed over our City, Nation and our world, taking a devastating toll on some of the most vulnerable among us.

Whereas, on World AIDS Day, we mourn those we have lost, and look to the promise of a brighter future and a world without HIV/AIDS.

Now, therefore, I, James Cappleman, 46th Ward Alderman, do hereby proclaim December 1, 2011 to be the 23rd annual World AIDS Day. I call upon public officials, educators, librarians, and all the people of Chicago to observe this day, and to recognize the important role HIV/AIDS Service Providers Play in addressing this pandemic.

JAMES CAPPLEMAN
Alderman, 46th Ward