



Legislation Text

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Adopt and present a resolution recognizing December 1, 2014 as World AIDS Day (Supervisor Thomson)

Published Notice Required? Yes _____ No X

Public Hearing Required? Yes _____ No X

DEPARTMENTAL RECOMMENDATION:

The Department of Health and Social Services recommends that the Board adopt and present a resolution recognizing December 1, 2014 as World AIDS Day.

SUMMARY:

December 1, 2014 has been declared World AIDS Day by the Joint United Nations Program on AIDS. The theme of World AIDS Day 2014 is "Shared Responsibility: Strengthening Results for an AIDS-Free Generation." The resolution recognizes that all citizens of Solano County can help to towards the goal of ending the HIV/AIDS pandemic.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

The costs associated with this agenda item are included in the Health and Social Services Fiscal Year 2014/15 Adopted budget. There is no additional impact to the County General Fund.

DISCUSSION:

Annually, across the world, December 1st is recognized as World AIDS Day by the United Nations Program on AIDS. The theme of World AIDS Day for 2014 is "Shared Responsibility: Strengthening Results for an AIDS-Free Generation."

Since the start of the epidemic, 75 million people have become infected with HIV. Today, an estimated 35 million people are living with HIV/AIDS worldwide. In the United States, 1.1 million are infected with HIV/AIDS.

The Solano County Health and Social Service Department (H&SS), AIDS Community Education Program (ACEP) is the local lead agency for HIV/AIDS prevention and HIV testing activities that occur in the County. As of June 2014, Solano County has a cumulative total of 2,127 diagnosed HIV/AIDS cases and 913 deaths since 1983. In support of the United Nations Program on AIDS theme, Solano County H&SS, AIDS Community Education Program (ACEP), recognizes that this epidemic can only be controlled through: education and prevention activities that prevent new infections; HIV testing that identifies infected individuals; and access to health care services and treatment for those already infected. H&SS estimates that ACEP will provide outreach services for HIV testing and education to approximately 1,500 individuals this year.

This year, Solano County ACEP will support the Solano AIDS Coalition on World AIDS Day. The event will be on Monday, December 1 on Georgia St. in Vallejo and will honor those lost to AIDS with a commemoration. Solano County Public Health will offer education, outreach services and HIV testing at this event. Solano County Public Health will also participate in the World AIDS Day health fair at the Solano Community College Fairfield campus providing one-on-one education and testing to students and faculty.

In addition to the 2014 World AIDS Day activities, year round confidential HIV testing is offered at the Solano County Public Health Family Health Services Clinics. Testing and counseling are provided at the clinic in Fairfield on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month from 5-7pm and in the Vallejo clinic on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month from 5-7pm.

ALTERNATIVES:

An alternative would be to delay or not adopt this resolution proclaiming December 1, 2014 as World AIDS Day. This is not recommended because the resolution supports efforts of Solano Public Health and the Board's goal to improve the health and well-being of those who live, learn, work, and play in Solano County.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

Solano County Health and Social Services would like to recognize the work of Solano AIDS Coalition, and the collaboration with Solano Community College for their support of World AIDS Day.

CAO RECOMMENDATION:

APPROVE DEPARTMENTAL RECOMMENDATION