

RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING WORLD AIDS DAY

IN SALT LAKE CITY

WHEREAS, according to estimates from the Joint United Nations Program on HIV/ AIDS, there are now over 33 million people throughout the world living with HIV, including 2.5 million children; and

WHEREAS, HIV is a threat to men, women and children on all continents around the world and is the leading cause of mortality among women of reproductive age; and

WHEREAS, of all new HIV infections reported in Utah in the first half of 2009, 76 percent were in Salt Lake County; and

WHEREAS, there are currently over 3,200 people who are reported to be living with HIV in Utah; and

WHEREAS, the highest proportion of people living with HIV in Utah are individuals ages 20-29 years old; and

WHEREAS, according to the Utah Department of Health, ethnic minorities make up only 17 percent of Utah's population, yet in 2009 comprised 25 percent of new HIV Infections; and

WHEREAS, World AIDS Day was established in 1988 after a summit of health ministers from around the world called for a spirit of social tolerance and a greater exchange of information on HIV/ AIDS; and

WHEREAS, World AIDS Day is observed every year on December 1 and provides an opportunity for individuals and communities to take action and help educate for HIV/ AIDS prevention, treatment and care; and

WHEREAS, Salt Lake City has joined other cities around the world in an effort to increase awareness, provide education about HIV/ AIDS and demonstrate compassion for those affected by HIV.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED

The Salt Lake City Mayor and the Salt Lake City Council hereby recognize December 1, 2010 as World AIDS Day in Salt Lake City and encourage all residents to learn about HIV/AIDS prevention and care and to be conscious of the need of support for and commitment to those who are affected.

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