



Week of Prayer for the Healing of AIDS

March 7 - 13, 2010

A PROCLAMATION BY THE MAYOR OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

WHEREAS, the week of March 7 - 13, 2010 is being proclaimed as the National Week of Prayer for the healing of HIV/AIDS through prayer, education, advocacy and service; and

WHEREAS, African American communities in Washington, DC are disproportionately affected by the scourge of HIV/AIDS; and

WHEREAS, it is essential to raise awareness of the potential for HIV infection and offer appropriate testing, prevention and care programs; and

WHEREAS, everyone is encouraged to get routinely tested for HIV as early detection and treatment can lead to longer lives and reduce transmission of the virus; and

WHEREAS, this week provides the opportunity to increase community awareness and dialogue, to commemorate those lost and bring leaders together to advocate for greater services and community involvement to fight this epidemic:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, THE MAYOR OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, do hereby proclaim March 7 - 13, 2010, as **"WEEK OF PRAYER FOR THE HEALING OF AIDS"** and call upon the residents of this great city to get educated, tested, involved and treated of this deadly disease.



Adrian M. Fenty
Mayor, District of Columbia