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Dear Friends:

It is a great pleasure to join with The Balm in Gilead and their National Interfaith Supporters in recognizing March 7th-13th, 2010 as The National Week of Prayer for the Healing of AIDS.

HIV/AIDS is a critical public health issue in New York City and around the world, and we remain committed to supporting the programs, treatment, and research that will one day bring an end to this epidemic. By raising awareness and encouraging testing; educating members about prevention facts; and advocating treatment and care for all people living with and affected by HIV/AIDS, our country's diverse communities of faith have been instrumental in our fight against this disease. This week, we take the opportunity to celebrate the tremendous role that The Balm in Gilead has had in uniting people in this common purpose—and reflect on what remains to be done as we work to heal individuals and communities around the world.

On behalf of all New Yorkers, I commend The Balm in Gilead and their National Interfaith Supporters for their tireless efforts in this ongoing challenge. Working together, we can continue to make great strides in combating the spread of HIV/AIDS, and effectively and compassionately serve those living with it. Please accept my best wishes for a productive week and continued success.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael R. Bloomberg".

Michael R. Bloomberg
Mayor