



AIDS COMMITTEE OF YORK REGION

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Re: Proclamation of World AIDS Day- December 1, 2006

December 1 is World's AIDS Day and each year more and more communities across the country issue proclamations to recognize the impact of HIV/AIDS and the need for tolerance, understanding and prevention.

The AIDS Committee of York Region is requesting all the municipalities of York to proclaim November 24th - December 1st, 2006 as World AIDS Week and December 1st as World AIDS Day.

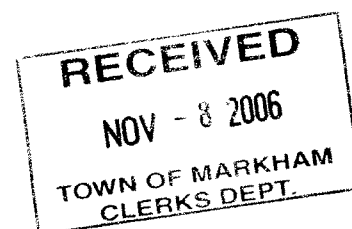
Your assistance in this matter would be appreciated. Should there be any queries please contact us at 905-953-0248 or edacyr@bellnet.ca.

Thank you in advance for your help in generating a greater public awareness of, and engagement with the issue of HIV/AIDS.

Sincerely,

Dawn Austin

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Proclamation
Canadian HIV/AIDS Awareness Week
World AIDS Day
November 24 – December 1, 2006



WHEREAS the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS) estimates that more than 40 million people are infected with the Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) world-wide,

WHEREAS UNAIDS has called upon governments, organizations and individuals to Recognize the week of November 24 to December 1, 2006 as HIV/AIDS Awareness Week and World AIDS Day with the theme “AIDS Awareness and Understanding: Changing the World, One Action at a Time”, the goals of which are:

- ⌘ to raise awareness of HIV/AIDS, challenge discrimination towards those affected or infected with HIV/AIDS,
- ⌘ to challenge stigma and discrimination based on gender, sexual orientation, culture, ethnicity and race as it relates to HIV/AIDS, and
- ⌘ to promote and support HIV prevention efforts.

WHEREAS Health Canada estimates that almost 58,000 Canadians are currently living with HIV/AIDS and 15,000 Canadians are unaware they are infected.

WHEREAS the number of Canadians living with HIV/AIDS continues to increase with approximately 3,400 new infections each year,

WHEREAS in the absence of a cure or vaccine, education is our only defense against HIV/AIDS, and

WHEREAS Canadian HIV/AIDS Awareness Week and World AIDS Day offer an opportunity to enhance tolerance and understanding while communicating prevention information about the epidemic,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that I, _____,

do hereby proclaim November 24 to December 1, 2006 Canadian HIV/AIDS Awareness Week and December 1, 2006 World AIDS Day for (city/town/organization)

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