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Student Assembly R. 5: Recognition of AIDS Awareness Week

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Propose on September 1st, 2013

- 1 Whereas, the human immunodeficiency virus, or HIV is the virus that can lead to acquired
2 immune deficiency syndrome, or AIDS, and a likely early death.
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4 Whereas, the HIV virus is primarily spread by unprotected sex, sharing of needles and
5 equipment to prepare illegal drugs, and from mother to child during birth.
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7 Whereas, an estimated 34 million people worldwide were living with HIV/AIDS in 20
8 12, and during 2011 an estimated 2.5 million people were infected with AIDS.
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10 Whereas, research and treatment for HIV/AIDS has made many advances in recent years, yet
11 there is still no medical cure in existence and treatments often have many side effects.
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13 Whereas, HIV/AIDS has the ability to affect anyone, and is being diagnosed at highest rates
14 among those age 20–24.
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16 Whereas, this year’s World AIDS Day theme has been designated as “Getting to Zero,” or zero
17 AIDS-related deaths, backed by the United Nations.
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19 Be it therefore resolved, that the Student Assembly recognizes the week of
20 December 2nd, 2013 through December 6th, 2013 as AIDS Awareness Week.
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22 Be it further resolved, that the Student Assembly encourages all students to get tested for HIV
23 and other sexually transmitted disease for the benefit of their health, the health of the entire
24 Cornell and greater Ithaca community, and peace of mind.
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26 Be it further resolved, that the Student Assembly encourages safe sexual practices and
27 environments, and encourages students be proactive in learning how they can be safe.
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29 Be it further resolved, that the Student Assembly remembers all people who have lost their
30 lives to HIV/AIDS, and supports those who are living with the disease today, here and around
31 the world.
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33 Be it further resolved, that the Student Assembly supports the goal of “Getting to Zero,” and the
34 effort to one day have zero AIDS-related deaths.
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36 Be it further resolved, that the Student Assembly creates an ad-hoc committee to carry out the
37 mission of executing programming and promoting awareness about the cause.
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39 Reviewed by Executive Committee