



Cornell University Student Assembly

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S.A. Resolution # 20 Recognition of AIDS Awareness Week

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Whereas, the human immunodeficiency virus, or HIV is the virus that can lead to acquired immune deficiency syndrome, or AIDS, and a likely early death.

Whereas, the HIV virus is primarily spread by unprotected sex, sharing of needles and equipment to prepare illegal drugs, and from mother to child during birth.

Whereas, an estimated 35.3 million people worldwide were living with HIV/AIDS currently, and during 2013 an estimated 2.1 million people were newly infected with AIDS.

Whereas, research and treatment for HIV/AIDS has made many advances in recent years, yet there is still no medical cure in existence and treatments often have many side effects.

Whereas, HIV/AIDS has the ability to affect anyone, and is being diagnosed at highest rates among those age 20–24.

Whereas, this year's World AIDS Day theme has been designated as "Getting to Zero," or zero AIDS-related deaths, backed by the United Nations.

Be it therefore resolved, that the Student Assembly recognizes the week of December 1, 2014 through December 5, 2014 as AIDS Awareness Week.

Be it further resolved, that the Student Assembly encourages all students to get tested for HIV and other sexually transmitted disease for the benefit of their health, the health of the entire Cornell and greater Ithaca community, and peace of mind.

Be it further resolved, that the Student Assembly encourages safe sexual practices and environments, and encourages students be proactive in learning how they can be safe.

Be it further resolved, that the Student Assembly remembers all people who have lost their lives to HIV/AIDS, and supports those who are living with the disease today, here and around the world.

Be it further resolved, that the Student Assembly supports the goal of "Getting to Zero," and the effort to one day have zero AIDS-related deaths.

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44 **Be it finally resolved**, that the Student Assembly supports the efforts of the ad-hoc
45 AIDS Awareness Week Planning Committee to carry out the mission of executing
46 programming and promoting awareness about the cause.

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48 **Respectfully Submitted,**

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59 *(Reviewed by: Executive Committee, 10/14/14)*