

RESOLUTION NO. 210110

Declaring the 7th of February annually as Black HIV/AIDS Awareness Day in Kansas City, Missouri.

WHEREAS, National Black HIV/AIDS Awareness Day launched 22 years ago as a national response to the growing HIV and AIDS Epidemic in the African American community because African Americans, more than any other racial or ethnic group, continue to be disproportionately affected by HIV and AIDS; and

WHEREAS, the City of Kansas City has a vibrant African American community and public awareness and education can help promote HIV and AIDS prevention, treatment, care, and research; and

WHEREAS, the City of Kansas City recognizes the resilient Black LGBTQ+ community within the Black community and the importance of preventative care with the Center for Disease Control and Prevention reported that Black LGBTQ+ people have a 50% chance of contracting HIV/AIDS compared to their white counterparts; and

WHEREAS, the City of Kansas City is committed to tackling HIV/AIDS prevention in our community by further promoting HIV/AIDS awareness, prevention, treatment, care, and research for those who call Kansas City home; and

WHEREAS, the City of Kansas City thanks those who continue to serve and fight for a day when there is a cure for HIV/AIDS like the Kansas City Health Department, the Kansas City Transitional Grant Area (KC-TGA) Comprehensive HIV and Care Planning Council, Black Health Care Coalition, Truman Medical Center, KC Care Health Center, the Aids Service Foundation of Greater Kansas City, BlaqOut, and many others in our community; and

WHEREAS, the City of Kansas City further commits itself to the fight in keeping our Black community and the Black LGBTQ+ healthy by calling on all Kansas Citians to volunteer, donate, and give back to their community annually because a healthier community is going to take all of us; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF KANSAS CITY:

That the Mayor and Council hereby declare the 7th of February annually as Black HIV/AIDS Awareness Day in Kansas City, Missouri; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution be spread upon the Minutes of the Council in testimony thereof and that a copy hereof be presented to the Kansas City Health Department, the Kansas City Transitional Grant Area (KC-TGA) Comprehensive HIV and Care Planning Council, Black Health Care Coalition, Truman Medical Center, KC Care Health Center, the Aids Service Foundation of Greater Kansas City, BlaqOut, and LGBTQ Activist, Justice Horn.

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Authenticated as Passed

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Date Passed