



PROCLAMATION

presented for

World AIDS Day

2004

Whereas, the theme of this year's World AIDS Day campaign is "Women, Girls, HIV, and AIDS; and

Whereas, globally, young women and girls are more susceptible to HIV than men and boys, with studies showing they can be 2.5 times more likely to be HIV-infected as their male counterparts; and

Whereas, in Russia, with an estimated 860,000 people living with HIV, women account for an increasing share of new HIV infections-up from one-in-four in 2001, to one-in-three just one year later; and

Whereas, the epidemic's "feminization" is most apparent in sub-Saharan Africa, where close to 60% of those infected are women, and 75% of young people infected are girls aged 15-24; and

Whereas, in South and South-East Asia, women accounted for just under 30% of all HIV infections, a slight increase compared to end-2001 estimates; and

Whereas, in the United States, AIDS is the leading cause of death for African American women aged 25-34. Many of these women do not engage in high-risk behavior, but are contracting HIV through unsafe sex with their male partners, a significant share of whom also have sex with men or inject drugs; and

Whereas, the cumulative number of AIDS cases in Long Beach from 1981 through June 2004 is 4,799 and of the 4,799 reported AIDS cases, 2,258 people are currently living; and

Whereas, of the 4,799 cumulative AIDS cases in Long Beach, approximately two-thirds (60.2%) are White, 17.8% are Blacks, 19.6% are Hispanic, and 2.0% are Asian/Pacific Islanders and during July 2003-June 2004, 9.1 percent of AIDS cases reported were in females compared to 8.4 percent during July 2002-June 2003; and

Whereas, in Long Beach in 2003, 216 AIDS cases were reported among men who have sex with men and 36 AIDS cases among injection drug users, and 25 among women who acquired HIV heterosexually; and

Now, Therefore, I, Beverly O'Neill, Mayor of the City of Long Beach, on behalf of the Long Beach City Council, do hereby proclaim December 1, 2004, as "World AIDS Day" and urges all community-based organizations, religious communities, civic groups, elected officials and government agencies to utilize this day to raise awareness of the global impact of AIDS, especially among women and girls.



Beverly O'Neill
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MAYOR

Bonnie Lowenthal
Councilmember, First District

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Date: November 23, 2004 2004 NOV 18 P 12: 51
To: Honorable Mayor and City Council
From: Councilwoman Laura Richardson, Sixth District *cf R. CHR*
Subject: CITY COUNCIL RECOGNITION OF LONG BEACH JAM AND SIXTH DISTRICT
RESIDENTS ERNIE MC BRIDE AND PASTOR JOE CHANEY

Recognitions for November 23, 2004:

- Presentation of Proclamation to the 2003 American Basketball Association League Champion Long Beach Jam
- Recognition of Pioneering Sixth District Residents Ernie McBride, a founding member of the Long Beach Chapter of the NAACP and Reverend Joe Chaney, Co-Pastor of the Antioch Baptist Church

cc: City Manager
City Attorney
City Clerk
Chief of Police