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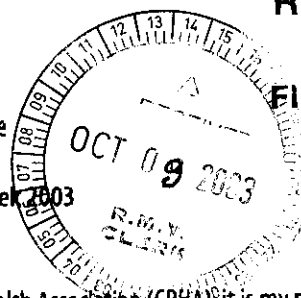
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F A C S I M I L E

To: City Manager
From: Ian Culbert, Director
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Date: Thursday, October 9, 2003
Re: Canadian HIV/AIDS Awareness Week 2003



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FILE No. - P03

On behalf of the Canadian Public Health Association (CPHA), it is my pleasure to bring to your attention this year's campaign for **Canadian HIV/AIDS Awareness Week** (November 24 – December 1) and **World AIDS Day** (December 1).

Stigma and Discrimination is the theme for this year's campaign, the goals of which are to raise awareness of HIV/AIDS, challenge discrimination towards those affected by or infected with HIV/AIDS, challenge stigma and discrimination based on gender, sexual orientation, culture, ethnicity and race as it relates to HIV/AIDS, and promote and support HIV prevention efforts.

Canadian HIV/AIDS Awareness Week is a unique occasion when we can identify and examine the health, social, political, legal and economic realities of HIV/AIDS. The Canadian public needs to know that HIV/AIDS is still a crisis. By involving our communities in AIDS awareness efforts and informing them of the disease's ongoing complexity within Canada, we lay the groundwork for new and better HIV prevention programs and foster understanding and support for people living with and affected by HIV/AIDS.

As such, I invite your municipality to proclaim November 24 to December 1, 2003 "Canadian HIV/AIDS Awareness Week" and "World AIDS Day" in your community. Enclosed with this letter is a sample Proclamation which we are encouraging all municipal leaders across Canada to endorse.

The Canadian HIV/AIDS Information Centre, a program of the Canadian Public Health Association, is supplying resources to support community-based activities from coast to coast. The Canadian Strategy on HIV/AIDS of Health Canada is making a financial contribution to these efforts. For more information, check out the campaign web site at www.aidssida.cpha.ca.

The HIV/AIDS epidemic is one of the greatest threats to human health and requires the commitment and involvement of all Canadians if we hope to eradicate this insidious virus. I encourage your municipal council to support this year's campaign by making this proclamation.

Sincerely,

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Proclamation

Canadian HIV/AIDS Awareness Week

World AIDS Day

November 24 – December 1, 2003

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) worldwide,

WHEREAS UNAIDS has called upon governments, organizations and individuals to recognize the week of November 24 to December 1, 2003 as HIV/AIDS Awareness Week and World AIDS Day with the theme "Stigma and Discrimination", the goals of which are:

- ✎ to raise awareness of HIV/AIDS and challenge discrimination towards those affected by 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 50,000 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 **4,200 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, 2003 Canadian HIV/AIDS
Awareness Week and December 1, 2003 World AIDS Day for (city/town/organization)
_____.