

HIV/AIDS Prevention and Decrease in Black Women and Girls

WHEREAS, African Americans are the racial/ethnic group most affected by HIV; the rate of new HIV infection in African Americans is 8 times that of whites based on population size;

WHEREAS, Blacks/African Americans* have the most severe burden of HIV of all racial/ethnic groups in the United States; compared with other races and ethnicities, African Americans account for a higher proportion of new HIV infections, those living with HIV, and those ever diagnosed with AIDS;

WHEREAS, the estimated rate of new HIV infections for African American women (38.1/100,000 population) was 20 times that of white women and almost 5 times that of Hispanic/Latino women;

WHEREAS, HIV and AIDS diagnoses and deaths among African American youth (aged 13-24) is disproportionately on the rise;

WHEREAS, an estimated 9,961 youth were diagnosed with HIV infection in the United States in 2013, representing 21% of an estimated 47,352 people diagnosed during that year; 81% (8,053) of these diagnoses occurred in those aged 20 to 24, the highest number of HIV diagnoses of any age group; *and*

WHEREAS, Black female youth accounted for 1,400 of these new cases as compared to 290 Hispanic and Latino females and 260 White females.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the members of the National Coalition of 100 Black Women, Inc. in chapters across the country will work to address this epidemic directly and or with community partners and alliances with culturally competent and gender responsive programming to include but not be limited to community based awareness, outreach, education, treatment and resource development; *and*

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Coalition members will monitor and where necessary promulgate applicable legislation to support this effort and ask elected officials in state, local and national government to vote and support said legislation and initiatives.

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