

Resolution No.

**County of Sonoma
Santa Rosa, CA 95403**

Date: _____

**Resolution of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Sonoma, State of California,
Recognizing December 1, 2009, as World AIDS Day.**

Whereas, the global AIDS epidemic requires a coordinated, worldwide effort to increase communication, education and action to stop the spread of HIV/AIDS; and

Whereas, the Joint United Nations Program on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS) estimates that 33.2 million people worldwide are currently living with HIV/AIDS; and

Whereas, World AIDS Day was established by the World Health Organization in 1988 to focus attention on the devastating impact of the HIV/AIDS epidemic; and

Whereas, UNAIDS observes December 1 of each year as World AIDS Day, a day to expand and strengthen worldwide efforts to stop the spread of HIV/AIDS; and

Whereas, World AIDS Day provides an opportunity to focus local, national, and international attention on the importance of the fight against HIV infection and AIDS, and to disseminate information on how to prevent the spread of HIV; and

Whereas, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimates up to 1,185,000 people in the United States are now living with the disease, and 24%-27% of these are undiagnosed and unaware of their HIV infection; and

Whereas, in 2007, Sonoma County had the seventh highest prevalence of persons living with AIDS of all 58 California counties; and

Whereas, the Sonoma County Commission on AIDS has been responding to the epidemic locally for 21 years; and

Whereas, the Sonoma County Commission of AIDS and a coalition of dedicated HIV prevention agencies have mobilized to provide a range of World AIDS Day activities to increase community awareness of HIV, support, and engagement.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Sonoma, does hereby recognize December 1, 2009 as World AIDS Day in Sonoma County.

Supervisors:

Brown:	Kerns:	Zane:	Carrillo:	Kelley:
Ayes:	Noes:	Absent:	Abstain:	

So Ordered.