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NATIONAL BLACK HIV/AIDS AWARENESS DAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2010

Community outreach events will offer free and confidential HIV/AIDS testing and information.

(BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA) – The Broward County Health Department and The Broward County HIV/AIDS Minority Network in collaboration with other community partners supports the observance of National Black HIV/AIDS Awareness Day, February 7, 2010 and encourages everyone to get tested, get educated, get treated and get involved in the fight against HIV/AIDS in the Black community. Free and confidential HIV/AIDS testing and information will be offered at several sites around Broward County. For a list of free and confidential testing sites in Broward County visit: www.browardchd.org.

“We encourage everyone to get involved in the fight against HIV/AIDS as it continues to devastate Broward County’s Black community,” said Paula Thaqi, M.D., MPH, Director at the Broward County Health Department. “Everyone should know their HIV/AIDS status and be educated on prevention methods and available services.”

National Black HIV/AIDS Awareness Day is a national mobilization effort designed to increase awareness and access to HIV/AIDS prevention and care services, encourage communities to expand and strengthen their responses to the HIV/AIDS epidemic among Blacks and encourage individuals to get educated and be tested and for HIV/AIDS.

For more information on services and programs at the Broward County Health Department visit www.browardchd.org or call (954) 467-4779.

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