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National Black Leadership Commission of AIDS Death Can Wait

Today marks the 30th World AIDS Day and Detroit is ready to make an impact. For the past 7 years, Rev. Horace Sheffield, III has actively participated as a board member of the National Black Leadership Commission on AIDS (NBLCA). He was recently selected as a Honorary Host Committee for the Detroit World AIDS Day and proud to participate. So, while thousands of people will gather in metro Detroit area, NBLCA's headquarters New York, NY believes that ***World AIDS Day is an opportunity for people of faith to raise awareness, reflect on the current realities of the HIV pandemic, and pray for a continued compassionate response.***



The theme of this years World AIDS Day is getting to zero. Rev. Sheffield remarked, "I am thankful to the World AIDS Day Detroit Committee for inviting me to be an honorary host. I believe, death can wait and have made it my mission to bring awareness to African-American community. I am excited to see Detroit fired up about bringing AIDS to zero".

Through Rev. Sheffield's involvement with NBLCA, he has been able to speak on AIDS education, awareness and prevention within the African-American community. In 2009, Rev. Sheffield was present for the introduction of H.R. 1964: National Black Clergy for the Elimination of HIV/AIDS Act of 2009, which strived to bring AIDS awareness to the public.

On April 13, 2011, he successfully lobbied congress for a congressional briefing when this bill was reintroduced as 1462. Rev. Sheffield along with fellow NBLCA board members called for this commitment based on an increase of cases and health disparities in the African American community.

Rev. Horace Sheffield, board member of the National Black Leadership Commission on AIDS, Executive Director of DABO (Detroit Association of Black Organizations) and Pastor of New Destiny Baptist Church will support this year's 30th World AIDS Day on the Honorary Host Committee, Mayor's Breakfast and other World AIDS Day events. For a complete list of events, please visit <http://www.worldaidsdaydetroit.com/>.

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