

## City of Pittsburgh

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**Whereas**, the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS), observing December 1 of each year as World Aids Day, chose the 2004 theme "Women, Girls, HIV & Aids" to call for a worldwide effort to stem the rising stigma and discrimination affecting women and girls that puts them at highest risk for infection and death resulting from this intractable pandemic; and

**Whereas**, the American Association of World Health cites some 900,000 people with HIV and AIDS in the United States with founded indication that the number of cases is rising; and

Whereas, more women have died of HIV/AIDS in the global pandemic than men-9 million women, compared to 8.5 million men-because women and girls are at the highest risk for infection due to disempowerment and discrimination.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that**, Pittsburgh City Council recognizes the activities that the Pittsburgh chapter of the Southwestern Pennsylvania AIDS Planning Coalition (SWPAPC) is doing to increase the awareness and understanding of HIV/AIDS in the City of Pittsburgh with particular focus in 2004 on women and girls, who are challenged by a double stigma and discrimination here and around the world; and

**NOW BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that**, Wednesday, December 1, 2004, be declared World Aids Day in the City of Pittsburgh.