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“Action Makes the Difference” is World AIDS Day Focus *DHMH to host commemorative event on Eve of annual recognition day*

BALTIMORE, MD (November 28, 2006) – ***Action Makes the Difference*** is the focus of World AIDS Day activities hosted by the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DHMH) AIDS Administration. The commemoration will be held on World AIDS Day Eve, Thursday, November 30, from 10:30 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. in the O’Conor Building at 201 West Preston Street in Baltimore.

“World AIDS Day is a time when all of us pause to remember those we knew who lost their battle to this tragic disease,” said DHMH Secretary S. Anthony McCann. “It also reminds us to support those we know who are either infected or affected by HIV and AIDS.”

Secretary McCann, along with Deputy Secretary Dr. Michelle A. Gourdine and AIDS Administration Director Heather L. Hauck will offer brief remarks that demonstrate support and recognition of the devastating effects of HIV/AIDS in Maryland and around the world. AIDS Administration staff will provide presentations, and local choirs will perform various musical selections (*Note to Editors*: please see attached agenda for approximate times.)

“The goals of World AIDS Day are to call attention to the impact this of disease around the world; to educate people about prevention, testing, and treatment options; and to fight the stigma that allows HIV and AIDS to spread,” said Ms. Hauck.

DHMH and the AIDS Administration encourages all Marylanders to unite on World AIDS Day (December 1) and wear a red ribbon to support people who are living with HIV and AIDS, and to honor of all those who have died of the disease.

In Maryland, AIDS is the number one killer of African Americans between the ages of 25–44. Maryland is third among the 50 states in new reported cases of AIDS. Worldwide, an estimated 40 million adults and children were living with HIV at the end of 2005.

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World AIDS Day

Action Makes a Difference

10:00 a.m. –10:30 a.m.	<i>General viewing of Displays and Quilt</i>
10:30 a.m. –11:00 a.m.	<i>Welcome & Greetings: Heather Hauck, Director</i> <i>Remarks: Secretary McCann</i> <i>Remarks: Deputy Secretary, Dr. Gourdine</i> <i>The Occasion: Heather Hauck, Director</i> <i>Poetry Readings: Jill Smith</i>
11:00 a.m. –11:30 a.m.	<i>General Viewing of Displays and Quilt</i>
11:30 a.m. –12:00 p.m.	<i>The Occasion: Heather Hauck, Director</i> <i>Center Purpose & Actions: Colin Flynn</i> <i>Programs in Action: Bryna Grant</i> <i>Musical Selections: The Traveling Men's Glee Club from the Gilman School</i>
12:00 p.m. –12:30 p.m.	<i>LUNCH (provided to the general public)</i> <i>General Viewing of Displays & Quilt</i>
12:30 p.m. –1:00 p.m.	<i>The Occasion: Heather Hauck, Director</i> <i>Center Purpose & Actions: Carrie Baum</i> <i>Center Purpose & Actions: Luis Villanueva</i> <i>Musical Selections: "I Can't, We Can" Choir</i>
1:00 p.m. –1:30 p.m.	<i>General Viewing of Displays & Quilt</i>
1:30 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.	<i>The Occasion: Heather Hauck, Director</i> <i>Musical Selections: The Maryland Conservatory Chorale</i> <i>Remembrance Wall and Candle Light Circle : Fahd Habeeb & Ron Howard - Reader's</i>