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Greetings Sorors!

World AIDS Day is December 1, 2009. This year's observance will mark the 21st anniversary of this event, and the Sorority will continue its efforts of bringing greater knowledge to our communities regarding prevention. We want to educate our communities on the treatment, care, and support of those living with HIV/AIDS. Chapters are encouraged to sponsor AIDS awareness workshops in malls, churches and community centers in collaboration with local AIDS organizations and other chapters.

As Delta maintains its outreach efforts by working hard to stem the epidemic in our families, communities and countries, chapters are urged to promote introspection within the sisterhood. For the past several years, two of our honorary members (Sorors Rae Lewis Thornton and Sheryl Lee Ralph) have urged us with great passion to know our own HIV/AIDS status. Given the alarming statistics among women of African descent in the United States, Africa and the Diaspora, all members of Delta Sigma Theta should model this leadership we salute by knowing and keeping abreast of their own status. As always, leading by example gives ultimate credibility to our efforts.

Chapters may desire to extend the conversation beyond the December 1 observance via web chats, blogs or other viable means. However you choose to mark the occasion, please document your World AIDS Day activities. Capture and reflect them visually, quantify, summarize and assess them. As always, I wish the best of health to every one of you!

With a Servant's Heart,



24th National President