



1 HOUSE RESOLUTION 934

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of  
3 Representatives recognize that Tuesday, May 18th is HIV Vaccine  
4 Awareness Day; and

5 WHEREAS, 46 million people around the world are living with  
6 HIV/AIDS; and

7 WHEREAS, The worldwide epidemic killed more than 3 million  
8 people this year and infected another 5 million with HIV; and

9 WHEREAS, There are more than 35,000 people living with HIV  
10 in Illinois; and

11 WHEREAS, Communities of color are disproportionately  
12 impacted by HIV/AIDS; and

13 WHEREAS, Community support for the development of an HIV  
14 vaccine is essential; and

15 WHEREAS, Thousands of volunteers, scientists, and health  
16 professionals are committed to finding a safe and effective HIV  
17 vaccine, and more than 12,000 individuals have already  
18 volunteered in HIV vaccine clinical trials; and

19 WHEREAS, We must educate Americans about the ongoing search  
20 for a vaccine to prevent the transmission of HIV and the  
21 critical need for such a vaccine; and

22 WHEREAS, Currently, there is no HIV vaccine available, but  
23 many scientists believe that a preventive HIV vaccine can be a  
24 reality; and

25 WHEREAS, A preventive HIV vaccine is a critical component  
26 of ending the AIDS pandemic; and

1           WHEREAS, A large scale HIV vaccine trial will require  
2 thousands more participants of all races and ethnicities,  
3 genders and socioeconomic backgrounds, to ensure that the  
4 vaccine is effective; therefore, be it

5           RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
6 NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we  
7 recognize May 18 as HIV Vaccine Awareness Day, and commend the  
8 hard work of all scientists, community organizations, and  
9 individuals working to produce a vaccine and help bring about a  
10 world without AIDS.