

Boston

PROCLAMATION

Whereas: Youth are now more at risk for HIV than ever before and the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) reports that 25% of all new cases are among 13-24 year olds; and

Whereas: According to the Massachusetts Department of Health, Boston has one of the highest rates of HIV infection and many young people have never been tested or are unaware of the risks around them; and

Whereas: TeenAIDS-PeerCorps (TA-PC) is a leader in educating teens and promoting testing using the new HIV oral swab home kits as a way to raise awareness, increase the number of youth knowing their status and prevent the spread of the virus; and

Whereas: To encourage young people to be better informed about HIV transmission and to receive testing, on September 6, 2013, TA-PC is sponsoring live testing in Boston Commons for Boston youth; and

Whereas: Dr. John Chittick, Executive Director of TeenAIDS-PeerCorps, who developed his model based on his original Harvard University doctoral research, is a volunteer in the fight against HIV/AIDS and believes youth volunteers make the most effective peer educators; NOW

Therefore, I, Thomas M. Menino, Mayor of the City of Boston, do hereby proclaim August 6, 2013 to be

BOSTON YOUTH HIV PREVENTION DAY

In the City of Boston.

Thomas M. Menino
Mayor

