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The Long Island Association for AIDS Care, Inc. Observes National Black HIV/AIDS Awareness Day.

February 7, 2019 marks the 19th year for National Black HIV/AIDS Awareness Day (NBHAAD), a national HIV testing and treatment community mobilization initiative targeted at Blacks in the United States and the Diaspora. NBHAAD was founded in 1999 as a national response to the growing HIV and AIDS epidemic in African American communities. The theme for 2019 is *“Together for Love: Stop HIV Stigma”*

The NBHAAD initiative leverages a national platform to educate, bring awareness, and mobilize the African American community. NBHAAD has four key focus areas which encourage people to get educated about HIV and AIDS; get involved in community prevention efforts; get tested to know their status; and get treated to receive the continuum of care needed to live with HIV/AIDS.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, in 2017, 43% of estimated new HIV diagnoses in the United States were among African Americans, who comprise 13% of the US population. Additionally, according to the New York State HIV/AIDS Surveillance Annual Report for Cases Diagnosed through December 2017, 28.9% of people newly diagnosed with HIV/AIDS in Nassau and Suffolk counties were Black.

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