National Native HIV/AIDS Awareness Day 2016

March 18, 2016

Sunday, March 20, marks National Native HIV/AIDS Awareness Day (NNHAAD) 2016, which is observed on the first day of spring. This year's theme is "Hear Indigenous Voices: Uniting the Bold Voices of American Indians/Alaska Natives (AI/AN) and Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islanders."

NNHAAD is a collaborative effort to promote HIV testing in Native communities and decrease stigma associated with the virus. According to an NNHAAD fact sheet, Native Hawaiians/Other Pacific Islanders and American Indians/Alaska Natives have the third and fourth highest rate of new HIV infections respectively.

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More information, including videos with Native communities, can be found at aids.gov and at the federal government's Indian Health Service.

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