Presidential Advisory Council on HIV/AIDS (PACHA) Resolution in Support of Increased Funding towards HIV/AIDS Prevention January 28, 2011

WHEREAS, the HIV prevention funding investment is far too small in the U.S. to truly change the course of the epidemic according to the 2008 sworn testimony of the Director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and other witnesses, as well as according to peer-reviewed published articles;

WHEREAS, the current level of investment continues to shrink when adjusted for inflation (dropping over 20% since FY2002) and the purchasing power of the HIV prevention investment in the U.S. is now approximately only what it was in 1993;

WHEREAS, the HIV prevention funding in the U.S. only accounts for about 3% of the total HIV/AIDS investment and is insufficient to meet the goals of the NHAS

WHEREAS, all HIV prevention funding (be it current or future) must be subjected to the highest standards of transparency, effectiveness and efficiency so as to be fully accountable, maximally impact the epidemic in the U.S., and assure attainment of the goals of the President's National HIV/AIDS Strategy;

BE IT RESOLVED that PACHA urges the Administration and Congress to achieve the following: (a) as rapidly as possible, fully fund the HIV prevention efforts in the U.S. at levels previously described as necessary in Congressional testimony and peer-reviewed publications so as to assure attainment of the goals of the National HIV/AIDS Strategy; (b) by June 2011, develop a system of annual reporting whereby all HIV prevention funding in the federal government is described in a publicly available document containing all funding amounts, uses, and measured or estimated outcomes; and (c) work closely with PACHA by July 2011 to develop and implement a set of recommendations for any necessary redirection of current federal HIV and other federal prevention funding from its existing use to more impactful utilization.