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NATIONAL ASIAN & PACIFIC ISLANDER HIV/AIDS AWARENESS DAY IS MAY 19

SACRAMENTO, CA — May 19 is National Asian and Pacific Islander HIV & AIDS Awareness Day. Native Hawaiians and other Pacific Islanders (NHOPI) make up 0.2% of the U.S. population and account for a very small percentage of new HIV diagnoses in the United States—less than 1% in 2015, the majority of which were in gay and bisexual men (78%). However, HIV affects NHOPI in ways that are not always apparent. Despite a 22% decline in HIV diagnoses, NHOPI had the third-highest rate of HIV diagnoses by race/ethnicity in the United States.

Asians make up 6% of the U.S. population and accounted for 2% of the 40,040 new HIV diagnoses in this country and six dependent areas. Of Asians diagnosed with HIV in 2015, 86% were men and 14% were women; gay and bisexual men accounted for 89% of HIV diagnoses among all Asian men.

For over 18 years, Golden Rule Services has successfully provided a variety of award -winning HIV and STD education, prevention, risk reduction and other important services. Our mission is to reduce health, education, employment and criminal justice disparities within diverse and underserved communities through the provision of culturally competent programs and resources. GRS supports the Getting To Zero Strategy: a plan that strives to achieve zero HIV infections, zero AIDS deaths and zero HIV/AIDS stigma.

We encourage everyone to come out and get educated, get tested, get involved, and get treated around HIV/AIDS at our offices at 4433 Florin Road Suite 860, Sacramento, CA 95823. You do not need to make an appointment, although for faster service we do encourage you to call and schedule a time with us.