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NATIONAL HIV VACCINE AWARENESS DAY IS MAY 18

SACRAMENTO, CA — May 18 is National HIV Vaccine Awareness Day. In 1987, the first HIV vaccine clinical trial opened at the National Institutes of Health (NIH) Clinical Center in Bethesda, Maryland. Thirty years later research continues to realize the promise of safe and effective HIV vaccines. HIV Vaccine Awareness Day is an occasion to recognize and support the efforts of countless individuals and organizations—past and present—involved in HIV vaccine research.

When implemented in communities, treatment as prevention is remarkably successful at preventing the spread of HIV infection. Pre-exposure prophylaxis, or PrEP, is another prevention strategy in which HIV-negative people take one pill a day to reduce their risk of acquiring the virus. This intervention is highly effective when individuals adhere to the drug regimen. While these and other prevention tools have the power to dramatically decrease the incidence of HIV infection, a safe and effective vaccine would be transformative. More than two million new HIV infections occurred worldwide in 2015 alone, and this rate of infection has declined only slightly since 2010.

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.