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NATIONAL NATIVE HIV/AIDS AWARENESS DAY IS MARCH 20

SACRAMENTO, CA — March 20 marks National Native HIV/AIDS Awareness Day, a time to recognize the impact of HIV/AIDS on American Indians, Alaska Natives, and Native Hawaiians (collectively referred to as Native people). According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), nearly 1 in 5 American Indians and Alaska Natives are unaware of their HIV-positive status. Thus National Native HIV/AIDS Awareness Day is set aside each year to promote HIV education and testing in Native communities.

American Indians/Alaska Natives (AI/NA) have twice the rate of HIV infection as compared to the white population, twice the AIDS rate as compared to the white population, and in 2016, American Indian/Alaska Native women were three times more likely to be diagnosed with AIDS infection, as compared to the white female population.

For over 19 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.