



### The National Black Women's HIV/AIDS Network Declares A Victory For Black Women and Girls Living with and Affected by HIV/AIDS in the United States

August 12, 2011: In a victory for Black women and girls infected with and affected by HIV and AIDS, the Secretary of Health and Human Services will announce the appointment of an African-American woman openly living with HIV to the Presidential Advisory HIV/AIDS Council, (PACHA).

In February 2010, the National Black Women's HIV/AIDS Network (NBWHAN) spearheaded the campaign to have representation from black women openly living with HIV/AIDS on PACHA, to ensure that the voice of African American women is no longer silent in this epidemic.

"Finally, we've turned the corner and our voices have been heard with this appointment. Our year long effort has had a successful outcome", stated Barbara Joseph, Chair.

NBWHAN is proud to have spearheaded this effort and would like to thank the over 300 organizations and individuals who have supported our effort, including the Office of National AIDS Policy, the Department of Health and Human Services, the Presidential Advisory Council on HIV and AIDS and the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs and Public Engagement. .

We will continue to sound the public health alarm for our people, raise public awareness and advocate on issues related to Black women and girls living with and affected by HIV and AIDS.

#### **About the National Black Women's HIV/AIDS Network (NBWHAN)**

The NBWHAN has been successful in working with many advocacy groups as well as local and national organizations to garner support for women's issues in the fight against HIV/AIDS. Founded in 2007 the NBWHAN has worked to influence the development of research initiatives and resources that will have a positive impact on program development and design for women and produce scientific based evidence of success. The NBWHAN is a community led initiative born out of the urgent need for Black women to set and implement a national HIV/AIDS agenda for Black women and adolescent girls in the areas of prevention, care, treatment, public policy and funding for all Black women and adolescent girls living with or at risk of HIV and AIDS and their families.

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