



## The National Black Women's HIV/AIDS Network Congratulates President Barack Obama on his Re-election as President of the United States

November 9, 2012- The National Black Women's HIV/AIDS Network (NBWHAN), congratulates President Barack Obama on his historic re-election victory as the 44th President of the United States.

We thank the President for his steadfast commitment to ending the HIV/AIDS epidemic in the United States and improving the health of women. The National HIV/AIDS Strategy and the Affordable Care Act, including Medicaid expansion, will no doubt have a profound effect on how this nation provides prevention, care and treatment services to persons living with HIV/AIDS.

The intersection of stigma, race, gender, social class, reproductive rights, public policy issues, social justice, fear, prejudice, and poverty, compound the struggles of Black women and girls infected with and at risk of HIV and AIDS. There is much work to be done.

The National Black Women's HIV/AIDS Network is committed to continuing its' work with the President and his administration so that our goal of ending the HIV epidemic in the Black community, particularly among Black women and girls, is one day realized

While this election signaled to us all just how divided we are as a nation, the next four years are paramount to moving forward in an effort that is essential to our communities survival. Therefore, we urge the President and Congress to reach an agreement that will prevent the sequestration cuts to HIV/AIDS programs totaling more than \$650 million which will reduce much needed resources in the neediest communities.

In the words of the President "we are an American family and we rise or fall as one nation and as one people". For this reason our collaborative effort is essential to ending the HIV epidemic in every corner of our community.

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

The National Black Women's HIV/AIDS Network (NBWHAN or "the Network") is organized to provide leadership and expertise in the prevention and spread of HIV/AIDS and other health disparities that affect black women and girls nationally and internationally. The mission of the NBWHAN is to reduce the burden of morbidity, mortality and stigma of HIV/AIDS and other health disparities associated with gender, social, and economic inequities among Black women and girls.

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