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Honorable City Council Members
City of Mount Vernon
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RE: HIV-AIDS Awareness Walk – Breaking Stigmas One Step at a Time

Dear Honorable City Councilmembers:

This letter is to amend ordinance number 4, approved by City Council on April 23, 2025, where the Department of Recreation sought the City Council's approval for an HIV-AIDS Awareness Walk. The event is being rescheduled to **Saturday, June 28, 2025, instead of Saturday, June 21, 2025. The time will remain 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM**. This event will be co-sponsored in partnership with the **City Council's Human Resource Committee** and the **Westchester Community Health Center (WCHC), Westchester Medical Center (WMC), and Ally Care Center (ACC)**.

The walk is scheduled to begin at **City Hall**, proceed along **Gramatan Avenue**, and conclude at **Hartley Park**. This meaningful event aims to promote community unity, raise awareness, foster empathy, and advocate for individuals and families affected by HIV and AIDS.

WCHC, WMC and ACC will collaborate with community-based organizations to provide on-site access to vital resources, support services, and educational materials. With the support of the Human Resource Committee and key community partners, this initiative will serve as a step toward dismantling harmful stigmas and elevating compassion and understanding within our city.

Approval for the assistance of the **Police Department** to provide a safety escort and manage pedestrian crossings along the route has been granted. Additionally, the request for support from the **Department of Public Works (DPW)** for logistical needs such as street barriers and cleanup services has been granted.

Thank you for your consideration and continued support in making this event a success for our community.

Sincerely,

André G. Early
Deputy Commissioner