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**Together we make a better world
HYDERABAD DECLARATION**

(07th December, 2006)

HIV/AIDS is posing a serious health challenge in Andhra Pradesh with more and more people getting infected with the virus. Continuous efforts are made to face this challenge and create an enabling environment for prevention, treatment, care and support issues. To strengthen these efforts, People living with HIV/AIDS have come together to form networks to provide support, share concerns and provide assistance to lead life with dignity and quality.

At this moment of our tryst with our own destiny, through this Hyderabad Declaration by People Living with HIV/AIDS, partners and concerned citizens give ourselves a sense of direction, commitment, hope and promise to strive in unison for minimizing the spread of HIV infection, provide access to treatment, support services and create an environment conducive lead quality life with self respect.

We shall all promise and dedicate and strive to ensure that with 0/7 campaign HIV infection to the new born children is minimized and the ideal of Zero infections is achieved by 2007.

To achieve this we work towards:

PLWHAs:

- Prevention of further spread of the infection and behaving responsibly.
- Networking with people infected and affected with the virus and with their families, communities and all others who extend care and support.
- Assisting health care providers facilitating treatment, distribution of medicines and help people on treatment for adherence of treatment extended.
- Dispel myths and misconceptions relating to HIV/AIDS and extend support to people to fight against stigma and discrimination.
- Ensuring all pregnant women are tested for HIV and encourage pregnant women found HIV +ve access necessary care and treatment to achieve the 0/7 goals.
- Helping people in distress with HIV/AIDS to know their legal and human rights to live, to work for gainful employment and lead a life with dignity and mutual respect.
- Disseminating information on services available and various options provided for people infected and affected with HIV/AIDS and encourage them to access these services as peer educators.

Government and Health Care Providers:

- Reiterating commitment to prevent HIV transmission and to control its spread through information dissemination, awareness creation, encouraging people to adopt preventive behaviour and providing effective treatment for sexually transmitted infections.
- Increasing access to treatment for opportunistic infections and providing Anti Retro Viral treatment to reduce morbidity and mortality associated with the HIV infection.

- Increasing efforts to reduce the adverse social and economic impact resulting from HIV Infection by encouraging people to talk about HIV/AIDS and facilitate creation of enabling environment.
- Leading from the front for achieving the goals of 0/7 and ensure that new born children are protected from HIV infection.
- Reinvigorating the community awareness, specifically knowledge attitude and practice of high risk groups.
- Facilitating mainstreaming and integrating the activities for AIDS control and prevention in both Govt. and Non Governmental Organizations
- Increasing the access to safety of Blood and Blood products and encourage voluntary blood donation movements
- Making HIV/AIDS test routine and increase the access to counseling and testing services.
- Enhancing efforts to garner social support for management of a HIV/AIDS infected patients.
- Providing access to medical treatment of children and adults living with HIV/AIDS for opportunistic infections as well provide Anti Retro Viral Treatment.
- Bring in polices and legal frame work which would help in reduction of stigma and discrimination and also help in prevention of infection, treatment, care and support for people living HIV/AIDS.

Citizens and people with concern for HIV/AIDS:

As citizens and people with concern for HIV/AIDS issues, we take this opportunity to express our committed concerns by

- Striving to reduce stigma and discrimination for people living with HIV/AIDS providing social support.
- Enhancing our efforts to promote not only awareness but concrete preventive action to stop further spread of infection by adopting responsible behaviour.
- Assisting the Government and other agencies involved in the control and management of HIV infections.
- Helping people infected and affected with HIV/AIDS to lead a life with honor, dignity and respect.

This Hyderabad declaration is proclaimed on this day of 7th December 2006 as a collective effort by all the individuals, organizations and agencies concerned with issues related to HIV/AIDS in the service of mankind.

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