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Downtown March Highlights World AIDS Day on Dec. 1

FAYETTEVILLE – The Cumberland County Department of Public Health, Cumberland County HIV/AIDS Task Force and community partners will observe World AIDS Day on Tuesday, Dec. 1, with a downtown march and ceremony starting at 6 p.m. at the fountain at Cross Creek Park on Green Street. The Health Department wishes to raise awareness of HIV and AIDS in the community and urges citizens to get tested so they can know their status and seek help.

The march will begin at 6 p.m. at Cross Creek Fountain and end at the Sweet Palette bakery at 101 Person St. There will be performances of spoken word and artistic expressions, as well as sharing and support for HIV/AIDS victims and their loved ones. Refreshments will be served.

“We are joining the world in acknowledging the HIV and AIDS crisis and we invite everyone to come out and show their support for victims in our community and the world and get educated about how to protect themselves and others,” said Cumberland County Public Health Educator Phyllis McLymore.

Community partners include AIDS Healthcare Foundation, Community Health Interventions and Sickle Cell Agency Inc., Fayetteville Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc., Fayetteville State University, Minds Against Destruction using Unity, and the Southern Regional Area Health Education Center.

The Health Department’s Sexually Transmitted Disease clinic offers free screening, diagnosis, treatment, counseling and education for STDs and HIV/AIDS. All services are confidential and available Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. The Public Health Center is at 1235 Ramsey St., Fayetteville. Call 910-433-3894 for more information or go to co.cumberland.nc.us/health/services.aspx.

If you would like more information about the Cumberland County Department of Public Health’s programs and services, health-related data, or community resources, please call 910-433-3600 or visit with someone at the information desk, or visit our website at co.cumberland.nc.us/health.aspx#. Comments are welcome and can be submitted on our website at co.cumberland.nc.us/health/comment_form.aspx. The Health Department is located at 1235 Ramsey St. in Fayetteville.