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THE AIDS INSTITUTE MARKS 15TH YEAR OF SERVICE TO HIV/AIDS COMMUNITY *Pledges to Continue Service until the Pandemic is Over*

Washington, DC – The AIDS Institute continues to support the HIV/AIDS community through its work which began in Sarasota, Florida and has grown to have a national and global impact.

Dr. Gene Copello, Executive Director of The AIDS Institute, said: "This agency began in the late 1980s, as group of volunteers who wanted to make a difference. It was officially incorporated 15 years ago today, September 19, 1992. We acknowledge all the founders, volunteers, board members, staff, partner organizations, donors, and supporters of The AIDS Institute over these many years. Today, the Institute stands as a national organization dedicated to action for social change through public policy research, advocacy, and education. In addition to our strong programs in domestic HIV/AIDS, the Institute's efforts also include global health, hepatitis, malaria, tuberculosis, and other infectious diseases, as well as the broader issues of healthcare reform in the United States and global access to medications. Copello added: "Our partnerships with other organizations is critical to minimizing and ending the human suffering caused by HIV/AIDS and other infectious diseases and in eliminating structural and social barriers to ensuring access to high quality and comprehensive prevention, care, and treatment. Together we can succeed."

Ms. Marylin Merida, President of The AIDS Institute Board of Directors, commented: "As we near the end of 2007 and continue planning for 2008, this 15th year anniversary reminds us of how much work is yet to be done. But it also reminds us to celebrate our success. We have made considerable progress due to the dedication of our board, staff and volunteers. In the coming new year, we will expand our existing programs and continue to work with our partners to ensure the underserved and the disenfranchised have a voice. This is just another step toward our commitment to continue this work until the pandemic is over."

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