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The Long Island Association for AIDS Care supports National Minority Health Month.

April is National Minority Health Month, created to raise awareness on the health disparities that continue to affect racial and ethnic minorities. Developed by the Office of Minority Health, the theme is "Advance Health Equity Now: Uniting Our Communities to Bring Health Care Coverage to All." The theme calls for everyone to come together and improve the health of those in our communities.

Suffolk County's 2014 Community Health Assessment found that Heart Disease, Cancer, and Stroke comprised three of the top six leading causes of death in 2011. Office of Minority Health found that, nationally, African American adults are 40% more at risk to have high blood pressure, and in 2009 had 30% chance of fatality due to heart disease. These numbers show us that health should be a major concern in the minority communities.

In recognition of National Minority Health Month 2014, the Long Island Association for AIDS Care will provide testing, education, and outreach initiatives to Long Island communities. Last year, LIAAC held the first annual on-site Health and Wellness Fair, which included education, re-entry assistance, case management, HIV and STI testing, and nutrition information. For more information on our events recognizing this year's National Minority Health Month, visit our Facebook events page at:

<https://www.facebook.com/LIAAC.inc/events> or call our hotline at 1-877-TO-LIAAC.

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