

## **2005:06 Routine Inclusion of HIV Test in Prenatal Testing**

**Whereas:** the testing of pregnant women results in beneficial treatment for the mother and greatly reduces the incidence of positive HIV in the newborn, and

**Whereas:** the financial cost of prenatal testing and treatment is inconsequential compared to the enormous costs involved in treating and supporting a child who is born HIV positive and who may become an orphan in a very short time, therefore be it

**Resolved:** that the National Council of Women of Canada adopt as policy that HIV testing be a routine part of the care of all pregnant women in Canada.