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Be it known that

Whereas,

Air quality is critical to the health of our environment, economy, and the residents of Austin; and

Whereas.

Air pollution levels in Central Texas were "moderate" or worse nearly 50 percent of days in 2024, according to the Air Quality Index; and

Whereas,

Children, older adults, people with lung disease, and people with heart disease make up about one-third of all residents in Central Texas and are particularly affected by poor air quality; and Whereas.

The City of Austin supports public awareness about how community members can lower their exposure to air pollution and reduce emissions that contribute to poor air quality, such as avoiding idling, taking sustainable transportation, and using less energy; and

Whereas.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has designated May 5 - 9, 2025, as National Air Quality Awareness Week; and

Whereas.

The City of Austin supports the efforts of the Central Texas Clean Air Coalition and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to promote air quality.

Now, Therefore,

I. Kirk Watson, Mayor of the City of Austin, Texas, do hereby proclaim

May 5 - 9, 2025

as

Air Quality Awareness Week

in Austin.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Austin to be affixed this 5th Day of May in the Year Two Thousand Twenty Five

Kirk Watson, Mayor, City of Austin

