

City of Round Rock

OFFICIAL PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, air quality can threaten our environment, economy, and the health of the residents of Round Rock; and

WHEREAS, children, older adults, people with lung disease and people with heart disease are particularly affected by poor air quality, which makes up about half of all residents in Central Texas. In 2023 air quality in the Austin-Round Rock-San Marcos Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) was moderated or worse according to the Air Quality Index (AQI) more than 50% of days; and

WHEREAS, in 2023, the Austin-Round Rock-San Marcos Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) exceeded the federal 8-hour ozone standard which increases the region's risk of being designated nonattainment; and

WHEREAS, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) revised the annual fine particulate matter (PM_{2.5}) NAAQS to 9 micrograms per cubic meter, which Travis County is currently exceeding and has exceeded over the past two decades; and

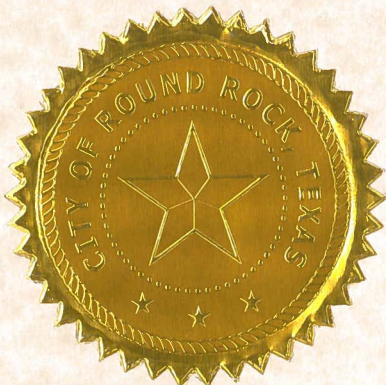
WHEREAS, remaining in compliance with the NAAQS is important not only for public health, but also for the region's economy and ability to conduct transportation planning. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has designated May 6 - 10, 2024, as National Air Quality Awareness Week; and

WHEREAS, Round Rock supports the efforts of the Central Texas Clean Air Coalition and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to promote air quality.


NOW THEREFORE, I, HILDA MONTGOMERY, on behalf of the City of Round Rock, do hereby proclaim May 6 - 10, 2024 as

"Air Quality Awareness Week"

in the City of Round Rock and encourage residents and employees to take action to 'Be Air Aware' and educate themselves about local air quality by visiting CAPCOG's Air Central Texas website at AirCentralTexas.org and by promoting air quality and air quality awareness.



Proclaimed this 25th day of April, 2024


Council Member Hilda Montgomery