



A PROCLAMATION AUTHORIZING RECOGNITION OF AIR QUALITY AWARENESS WEEK 2021

WHEREAS, air quality can threaten our environment, economy, and the health of the residents of the Capital Area Council of Governments (CAPCOG); and

WHEREAS, air pollution levels in the CAPCOG region were considered “moderate” or worse on thirty-four percent of days in 2020, according to the National Air Quality Index; and

WHEREAS, children, older adults, people with lung disease and people with heart disease are particularly affected by poor air quality, and make up about two out of every five residents in the CAPCOG region; and

WHEREAS, information from EPA’s most recent NAAQS reviews indicate public health benefits from further reductions of O₃ and PM_{2.5} pollution within the region; and

WHEREAS, ground-level ozone (O₃) levels in the Austin-Round Rock-Georgetown Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) remain close to exceeding the O₃ National Ambient Air Quality Standard (NAAQS); 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; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has designated May 3-7, 2021, as National Air Quality Awareness Week; and

WHEREAS, the Capital Area Council of Governments supports the efforts of the Central Texas Clean Air Coalition and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to promote air quality.

NOW THEREFORE THE CAPCOG EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE does hereby proclaim May 3 - 7, 2021 as “**Air Quality Awareness Week**” in the CAPCOG region and encourages our residents and employees to educate themselves about air quality, including visiting CAPCOG’s Air Central Texas website at AirCentralTexas.org, and promote air quality and air quality awareness within our community.

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