

**A PROCLAMATION  
RECOGNIZING MAY 5 – 9, 2025  
AS AIR QUALITY AWARENESS WEEK**

**WHEREAS**, air quality can threaten our environment, economy, and the health of the residents of Bastrop County; 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; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2024 air quality in the Austin-Round Rock-San Marcos Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) was moderate or worse according to the Air Quality Index (AQI) nearly 50% of days; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2024, the Austin-Round Rock-San Marcos MSA exceeded the federal 8-hour ozone standard and the annual fine particulate matter standard which increases the region's risk of being designated nonattainment; 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 goals of the 2019-2026 Austin-Round Rock-San Marcos MSA Regional Air Quality Plan is to maximize probability of compliance with the National Ambient Air Quality Standards and minimize health and environmental impacts of air pollutions; and

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

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

**THEREFORE**, The Commissioners Court of Bastrop County, Texas hereby proclaims May 5 - 9, 2025 as **"Air Quality Awareness Week"** in Bastrop County and encourages residents and employees to act to 'Be Air Aware' and educate themselves about local air quality by visiting CAPCOG's Air Central Texas website at [AirCentralTexas.org](http://AirCentralTexas.org) and by promoting air quality and air quality awareness within our region.

Proclamation adopted by the Bastrop County Commissioners Court on this 14<sup>th</sup> day of April 2025.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Gregory Klaus", is written over a horizontal line.

Gregory Klaus

Bastrop County Judge

April 14, 2025