

Proclamation



WHEREAS, air quality can threaten our environment, economy, and the health of the residents of the Capital Area Council of Governments (CAPCOG) region; 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 National Ambient Air Quality Standards (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 are to maximize the probability of compliance with the NAAQS and minimize health and environmental impacts of air pollution; and

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

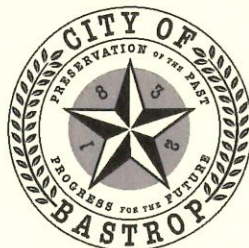
WHEREAS, the City of Bastrop, along with the Capital Area Council of Governments, supports the efforts of the Central Texas Clean Air Coalition and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to promote air quality.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, John Kirkland, Acting Mayor Pro Tem of the City of Bastrop, Texas, do hereby proclaim **May 5th – 9th, 2025** as “**Air Quality Awareness Week**” in the CAPCOG region and encourages the Bastrop community to act 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 within our region.

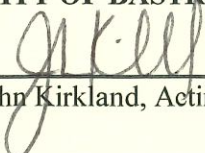
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Official Seal of the City of Bastrop, Texas, to be affixed this 22nd day of April 2025.

ATTEST:


Victoria Psencik, Assistant City Secretary



CITY OF BASTROP, TEXAS


John Kirkland, Acting Mayor Pro Tem