**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 JURISDICTION; and

WHEREAS, air pollution levels in Central Texas 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, 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, JURISDICTION supports the efforts of the Central Texas Clean Air Coalition and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to promote air quality.

NOW THEREFORE JURISDICTION AUTHORITY does hereby proclaim

May 3 - 7, 2021

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**“Air Quality Awareness Week”**

in JURISDICTION 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.