

**MAYOR'S PROCLAMATION  
DECLARING AIR QUALITY AWARENESS WEEK  
IN THE CITY OF PFLUGERVILLE  
MAY 1st-MAY 5th, 2023**

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

**WHEREAS**, in 2022, the Austin-Round Rock-Georgetown Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) experienced its worst ozone season in over a decade, with more than thirty days when ozone levels were unhealthy for sensitive groups and two days unhealthy for all; and

**WHEREAS**, Air pollution levels in Central Texas were considered “moderate” or worse on forty-seven percent of days in 2022, according to the National Air Quality Index; and

**WHEREAS**, children, older adults, people with lung disease and people with heart disease - which makes up about half of all residents in Central Texas - are particularly affected by poor air quality; and

**WHEREAS**, ground-level ozone (O<sub>3</sub>) levels in the MSA remain close to exceeding the O<sub>3</sub> National Ambient Air Quality Standard (NAAQS) and revisions to the annual fine particulate matter (PM<sub>2.5</sub>) NAAQS currently being considered by the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) could place the MSA at greater risk of a nonattainment designation; 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 City of Pflugerville supports the efforts of the Central Texas Clean Air Coalition and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to promote air quality; and

**WHEREAS**, the US Environmental Protection Agency has designated May 1 - 5, 2023, as National Air Quality Awareness Week.

**NOW THEREFORE**, be it resolved that I, Victor Gonzales, Mayor of the City of Pflugerville, Texas, do hereby proclaim May 1<sup>st</sup>-May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023 as **AIR QUALITY AWARENESS WEEK** in the City of Pflugerville, Texas and encourage our residents and employees 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 promoting air quality and air quality awareness within our community.

In Witness Whereof, I cause the Official Seal of the City of Pflugerville to be affixed this 25<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2023.

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Victor Gonzales, Mayor

Attest:

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Trista Evans, City Secretary