



# Proclamation

*Be it known that*

*Whereas,*

*Air quality can threaten our environment, economy, and the health of the residents of the City of Austin; and*

*Whereas,*

*Children, older adults, people with lung disease and people with heart disease are particularly affected by poor air quality, which make up half of all residents in Central Texas; and*

*Whereas,*

*In 2025 air quality in the Austin-Round Rock-San Marcos Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) was moderated or worse according to the Air Quality Index (AQI) for 57% of days; and*

*Whereas,*

*In 2025, the Austin-Round Rock-San Marcos MSA exceeded the federal 8-hour ozone standard which increases the region's risk of being designated nonattainment; and*

*Whereas,*

*In 2025, the Austin-Round Rock-San Marcos MSA exceeded the federal annual fine particulate matter (PM<sub>2.5</sub>) standard for a second year, 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 U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has designated May 4 - 8, 2026, as National Air Quality Awareness Week; and*

*Whereas,*

*The goal of the Central Texas Clean Air Coalition (CAC) is to maintain compliance with federal air quality regulations and to reduce the impacts of air pollution on public health and welfare; and*

*Whereas,*

*The City of Austin is committed to the efforts of the regional Central Texas CAC and encourages residents and employees to take action 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 community.*

*Now, Therefore,*

*I, Kirk Watson, Mayor of the City of Austin, Texas, do hereby proclaim*

*May 4<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup>, 2026*

*as*

*Air Quality Awareness Week*

*in Austin.*

*In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Austin to be affixed this 7<sup>th</sup> Day of May in the Year Two Thousand Twenty Six*

*Kirk Watson*

*Kirk Watson, Mayor, City of Austin*

