



# Proclamation

*Be it known that*

*Whereas,*

*Air quality is critical to the health of our environment, economy, and the residents of Austin; and*

*Whereas,*

*In 2022, Central Texas 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 that were unhealthy for all; and*

*Whereas,*

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

*Whereas,*

*The City of Austin supports public awareness about how community members can lower their exposure to air pollution and help improve our air quality by avoiding idling, taking sustainable transportation, and using less energy; and*

*Whereas,*

*The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has designated May 1 - 5, 2023, as National Air Quality Awareness Week; and*

*Whereas,*

*The City of Austin supports the efforts of the Central Texas Clean Air Coalition and the Clean Air Force of Central Texas to promote air quality.*

*Now, Therefore,*

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

*May 1 - 5, 2023*

*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 4<sup>th</sup> Day of  
May in the Year Two Thousand Twenty Three*

*Kirk Watson*

*Kirk Watson, Mayor, City of Austin*

