



City of San Marcos

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, air quality can threaten our environment, economy, and the health of the residents of San Marcos, Texas; 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 2023 air quality in the Austin-Round Rock-San Marcos Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) was moderated or worse according to the Air Quality Index (AQI) more than 50% of days; and

WHEREAS, in 2023, the Austin-Round Rock-San Marcos Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) exceeded the federal 8-hour ozone standard which increases the region's risk of being designated nonattainment; and

WHEREAS, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) revised the annual fine particulate matter (PM_{2.5}) for the National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) to 9 micrograms per cubic meter, which Travis County is currently exceeding and has exceeded over the past two decades; 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 6 - 10, 2024, as National Air Quality Awareness Week; and

WHEREAS, San Marcos supports the efforts of the Central Texas Clean Air Coalition and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to promote air quality.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jane Hughson, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of San Marcos, Texas do hereby proclaim the week of May 6—10, 2024 as

AIR QUALITY AWARENESS WEEK

AND DO HEREBY call upon all persons of the City of San Marcos to recognize the importance in air quality to overall individual's health, but the economic impact, as well.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Seal of the City of San Marcos, Texas, this 7th Day of May 2024.

Attest:



Elizabeth Trevino
City Clerk



Jane Hughson
Mayor

