



# City of San Marcos

## PROCLAMATION

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

**WHEREAS**, in 2022, the Austin-Round Rock-San Marcos 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 San Marcos supports the efforts of the Central Texas Clean Air Coalition and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to promote air quality; and

**WHEREAS**, the EPA has designated May 1 - 5, 2023, as National Air Quality Awareness Week.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jane Hughson, Mayor of the City of San Marcos, do hereby proclaim the May 1-5, 2023, as**

### **AIR QUALITY AWARENESS WEEK**

**AND DO HEREBY CALL** upon all citizens and employees of San Marcos 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 promoting air quality and air quality awareness within our community.

**IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Seal of the City of San Marcos, Texas, this 2<sup>nd</sup> Day of May 2023.

Attest:

  
Elizabeth Trevino  
City Clerk

  
Jane Hughson  
Mayor

