

**A PROCLAMATION  
RECOGNIZING MAY 6 – 10, 2024  
AS AIR QUALITY AWARENESS WEEK**

**WHEREAS**, air quality can threaten our environment, economy, and the health of the residents of Central 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<sub>2.5</sub>) 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**, **CLEAN AIR FORCE of CENTRAL TEXAS** is a member of the Central Texas Clean Air Coalition and supports the efforts of the Clean Air Coalition and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to promote air quality.

**NOW THEREFORE, CLEAN AIR FORCE of CENTRAL TEXAS** does hereby proclaim May 6 - 10, 2024 as

**“Air Quality Awareness Week”**

in Central Texas and encourages residents and employees to take action to ‘Be Air Aware’ and educate themselves about local air quality by visiting Clean Air Force’s website at [www.cleanairforce.org](http://www.cleanairforce.org) and CAPCOG’s Air Central Texas website at [www.aircentraltexas.org](http://www.aircentraltexas.org) and by promoting air quality and air quality awareness within our community.