

RESOLUTION NUMBER R- 300408

ADOPTED ON MAY 09 2005

WHEREAS, Asthma has reached epidemic proportions in the United States, affecting about 20 million people nationwide; and

WHEREAS, Asthma is the most common chronic childhood disease, affecting 4.8 million children nationwide; and

WHEREAS, the mission of the San Diego Regional Asthma Coalition is to provide leadership in identifying, developing, mobilizing, and coordinating resources to prevent Asthma and positively impact the lives of people affected by Asthma; and

WHEREAS, Asthma is a chronic inflammatory lung disease in which the airways of the lungs constrict, causing recurrent wheezing and coughing, difficulty breathing, and tightness of the chest; and

WHEREAS, Asthma is the leading cause of childhood hospitalizations, long-term illness, and school absenteeism, accounting for more than 14 million missed school days each year; and

WHEREAS, each year 2 million people are rushed to the emergency room and 5,000 people die from Asthma nationwide and 120 people died from Asthma-related causes in San Diego County between 1999 and 2001; and

WHEREAS, the burden of Asthma is particularly heavy among low-income populations, minorities, and children living in urban area cities and lack of health insurance, inadequate primary care, language barriers and inability to access services further contribute to avoidable hospitalization and Asthma deaths; and

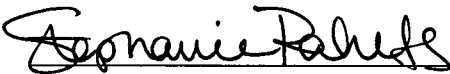
WHEREAS, exposure to allergens and irritants such as dust mites, mold, cockroaches, pet dander, and secondhand smoke can bring on an Asthma episode; and

WHEREAS, there are simple steps people can take to reduce their exposure to environmental Asthma triggers; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council, that this Council, for and on behalf of the citizens of San Diego, does hereby encourage all Americans to identify and reduce their exposure to environmental triggers in the home and school and incorporate environmental controls into their Asthma-management plans.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that May 2005 be and is hereby proclaimed to be **“ASTHMA AWARENESS MONTH”** in the City of San Diego.

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