



City Attorney's Office

OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION NO. _____ C.M.S.

INTRODUCED BY VICE MAYOR KAPLAN, PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE THAO,
AND COUNCIL MEMBER KALB

RESOLUTION TO DECLARE OCTOBER 2021 AS CHILDREN'S ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH MONTH IN THE CITY OF OAKLAND IN RECOGNITION OF THE NEED FOR CLEAN AIR AND WATER, AND THE STEPS NECESSARY TO SAFEGUARD THE HEALTH, SAFETY, AND WELLBEING OF CHILDREN.

WHEREAS, the aim of Children's Environmental Health (CEH) Month is to raise awareness about the importance of clean air and water, safe food and consumer products, healthy environments, and stable climates to children's health and development; and

WHEREAS, a statewide CEH Month was established on September 1st, 2021 through House Resolution 68, by the California State Assembly; and

WHEREAS, CEH Month provides a means to celebrate the progress of the children's environmental health movement and create an even stronger network of child health advocates; and

WHEREAS, CEH Month encourages individuals and organizations to raise awareness and understanding of children's environmental health issues, seek improved protections for all children, and to perform acts of sustainability or environmental health wellness; and

WHEREAS, the City of Oakland is committed to ensuring that all children have clean drinking water, clean air, and are protected from environmental risks; and

WHEREAS, according to the U.S Census Bureau data from 2019, approximately 21.6% of Oakland residents are under 19 years old¹; and

¹ <https://data.census.gov/cedsci/table?q=Oakland%20city,%20California&tid=ACSDP1Y2019.DP05>

WHEREAS, it is vital that we protect children in areas such as East and West Oakland, which have historically been harmed from pollution, and make changes to improve the air and water quality in those communities; and

WHEREAS, together, we can safeguard the health, safety and wellbeing of our most precious resource: children; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That the City Council declares October 2021 as Children’s Environmental Health Month in the City of Oakland in recognition of the need for clean air and water, and the steps necessary to safeguard the health, safety, and wellbeing of children.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA,

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES – FIFE, GALLO, KALB, KAPLAN, REID, TAYLOR, THAO AND
PRESIDENT FORTUNATO BAS

NOES –
ABSENT –
ABSTENTION –

ATTEST: _____
ASHA REED
City Clerk and Clerk of the Council of the
City of Oakland, California

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