

PROCLAMATION
Asthma Awareness Month
May

WHEREAS, asthma is one of the leading causes of childhood hospitalizations, long-term illness, and school absenteeism, accounting for nearly thirteen million missed school days each year and lost opportunities for children to learn and participate in school; and

WHEREAS, half of all children with asthma under twelve years of age miss at least one day of school per year, and increased asthma severity correlates with increased absenteeism with seven to eleven percent of children with asthma attending California schools missing eleven or more days of school per year due to this medical condition; and

WHEREAS, environmental factors such as high ozone levels and exposure to tobacco smoke, dust mites, and other factors are associated with asthma attacks, and in a recent Los Angeles study, school absences rose by over 80% when community ozone levels increased by twenty parts per billion; and

WHEREAS, there are simple steps people can take to reduce their exposure to environmental asthma triggers.

THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that the Alameda Unified School District Board of Education hereby recognizes the month of May as Asthma Awareness Month and encourages community members and businesses to identify and reduce their exposures to environmental triggers and incorporate environmental controls into their asthma management plans.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 28th day of April, 2015.

Ayes: Members:

Noes: Members:

Absent: Members:

Barbara Kahn, President
Board of Education
Alameda Unified School District
Alameda County, California

ATTEST:

By: _____
Sean McPhetridge, Superintendent
Secretary of the Board of Education
Alameda Unified School District