

JOINT PROCLAMATION

BOARD OF LARIMER COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AND LARIMER COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

A Joint Proclamation designating May 1-5, 2023 as Air Quality Awareness Week

WHEREAS, May 1-5, 2023 is National Air Quality Awareness Week and Larimer County recognizes the critical role air quality plays in the health of all residents and visitors; and

WHEREAS, emissions from vehicles, industry, household products, vegetation, and lawn/garden equipment combine with sunlight on hot, dry, stagnant summer days to form ground-level ozone impacting children, older adults, people with lung disease and people with heart disease; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has downgraded the northern Front Range from a "serious" to "severe" violator of federal ozone standards, triggering new rules meant to improve local air quality in the region; and

WHEREAS, the Larimer County Department of Health and Environment (LCDHE) has added resources in staffing, monitoring, equipment replacement programs and tools to aid in achieving compliance with air quality regulations to address air quality in our area; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has designated May 1-5, 2023, as National Air Quality Awareness Week; and

WHEREAS, the theme for this year is, "Working Together for Clean Air"; and

WHEREAS, the LCDHE is partnering with the City of Fort Collins, the Regional Air Quality Council, Colorado State University, Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment and other organizations to work together to promote clean air.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT JOINTLY PROCLAIMED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF LARIMER COUNTY, COLORADO AND THE LARIMER COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH THAT:

1. The week of May 1-5, is recognized as "Air Quality Awareness Week" in Larimer County, Colorado.
2. Residents of Larimer County are encouraged to promote air quality and air quality awareness in their communities, including taking simple steps to reduce ozone causing emissions; taking fewer car trips; using alternative forms of transportation, replacing gas powered lawn equipment with electric or battery-operated equipment, using products with lower volatile organic compounds, and refueling in the evenings.

Done this 2nd day of May 2023, in Fort Collins, Colorado, by the Board of County Commissioners of Larimer County, Colorado.

Done this 20th day of April 2023, in Fort Collins, Colorado, by the Larimer County Board of Health.

THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF LARIMER COUNTY, COLORADO

By: Jody Shadduck-McNally
Jody Shadduck-McNally, Chair

ATTEST: Stessa Beatty
Clerk to the Board

THE LARIMER COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

By: Christy Bush
Ms Christy Bush, Vice President

ATTEST: Tom Gonzales
Tom Gonzales, Secretary

