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RESOLUTION SUPPORTING AIR QUALITY AWARENESS WEEK

WHEREAS, the Clean Air Council was established to advise the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) on air-quality related issues; and

WHEREAS, the federal government, in recognition of the serious health and welfare issues associated with air pollution, declared the week of May 2, 2022, as National Air Quality Awareness Week; and

WHEREAS, NJDEP has a website (http://www.nj.gov/dep/) which provides information on air pollution in New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, New Jersey Department of Health, a public health tracking partner, has a website https://nj.gov/health/ceohs/public-health-tracking/ which provides additional information on environmental quality and health outcomes for residents of New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, the Clean Air Council acknowledges that air pollutants, including greenhouse gases, cause serious health and welfare issues for the citizens of New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, the Clean Air Council is holding a public hearing on April 12, 2022, entitled "Impact of the COVID-19 Pandemic on Air Quality" to quantify air pollutant reductions experienced during the COVID-19 Pandemic, evaluate strategies to sustain the improvements through sound public policy, and make informed recommendations to NJDEP on actions to maintain improvements on air quality, with a focus on reducing vehicle miles travelled (VMT); and

BE IT RESOLVED that the Clean Air Council hereby affirms the establishment in New Jersey of National Air Quality Awareness Week, May 2 – 6, 2022; and promotes education and awareness of the importance of air pollution including climate change pollutants, air toxics, ozone and other outdoor air quality issues this week; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clean Air Council urges citizens to become aware of air during quality conditions, by signing up for EnviroFlash at www.enviroflash.info; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clean Air Council urges the public, commerce, and industry of New Jersey to make personal and business choices that will improve the air quality of our state, especially when air quality is unhealthy.

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