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**DRAFT RESOLUTION FOR**

California Cities

Support for and Declaration of California Clean Air Day

**Whereas**, air pollution contributes to higher rates of cancer and heart and lung diseases, which adversely affect health; and

**Whereas,** compromised lung health has been linked to poor outcomes in people infected with COVID-19; and

**Whereas**, California has some of the most polluted regions in the United States; and

**Whereas,** early studies find that people with COVID-19 who live in U.S. regions with high levels of air pollution are more likely to die from the disease than people who live in less polluted areas, according to a new nationwide study from Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health; and

**Whereas**, it is vital that we protect the health and well-being of our residents, visitors, and workforce; and

**Whereas**, emissions from vehicles, industry, and even household sources significantly affects the natural environment, air quality and well-being of residents, employees, and visitors of the City/County of XXXXX; and

**Whereas**, individual actions such as not idling vehicles, walking or biking to work and school, carpooling, and conserving energy can directly improve air quality in our region; and

**Whereas**, everyone can play a role; and

**Whereas,** taking the pledge and participating in California Clean Air Day can be accomplished safely while wearing face coverings and practicing social distancing in your own household or neighborhood; and

**Whereas**, education about air quality can raise community awareness, encourage our communities to develop environmentally healthier habits, and improve our communities’ well-being; and

**Whereas**, Californians will be joining together across the state to clean the air on October 7, 2020; and

**Whereas**, the City/County of XXXXX is committed to the health of our residents, workforce, visitors, and community at large; and

**Now, therefore be it resolved**, by the City/County of XXXXX that October 7, 2020 be declared “California Clean Air Day” in the City/County, and

**Be it further resolved** that we ask all City/County Department heads to determine how their employees can participate in California Clean Air Day, as appropriate, and report back on those actions.

**Be it further resolved** that we encourage all residents, businesses, employees, and community members to participate in California Clean Air Day and help clean the air for all Californians.