

PROCLAMATION

Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Week

October 20-26, 2019

WHEREAS, Childhood lead poisoning is a silent, but very harmful environmental disease that can cause serious long-term harm, including developmental delays, learning disabilities, cognitive and behavior disorders, and in the most severe cases, coma, seizures, and death; and

WHEREAS, Toddlers and young children under the age of six in low-income families, and those living in pre-1978 housing are at higher risk of lead poisoning; and

WHEREAS, In Orange County, cases of lead poisoning in children continue to occur. Almost 400 children, ages 0 to 5 years, were identified in 2018 with increased blood lead levels; and

WHEREAS, Most children who have lead poisoning do not look or act sick. The best way to identify children with lead poisoning is through targeted screening of high-risk children with a blood lead test; and

WHEREAS, Lead hazards are most prevalent in pre-1978 paint, dust, soil, lead dust brought home on parents' work clothes, some imported ceramic pottery, traditional home remedies, some imported spices, candies and foods, and hobbies involving lead products. Discontinuing their use and eliminating such lead hazards will help prevent children from becoming lead poisoned; and

WHEREAS, Childhood lead poisoning can also be prevented by encouraging renovators and contractors to follow lead-safe work practices that prevent the spread of lead dust and paint chips when working on pre-1978 homes, child-care facilities, and schools; and

WHEREAS, It is the responsibility of all parents and the community to take the necessary precautions and provide a safe environment to help ensure a bright and healthy future for our children.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Garden Grove City Council does hereby proclaim the week of October 20 through October 26, 2019, as "Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Week" in the City of Garden Grove.

October 8, 2019

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