



CHILDHOOD LEAD POISONING PREVENTION WEEK

WHEREAS, one of government's responsibilities is to keep its constituents safe from environmental hazards. Lead exposure is among the most pervasive of these hazards, as lead can be found in dirt, dust, paint, drinking water, and products, such as plumbing fixtures and solder; and

WHEREAS, lead exposure is particularly harmful to children under the age of six. It is vital that we take the necessary steps to make sure that we have a safe environment in the City of Berkeley; and

WHEREAS, protecting children from lead exposure is critical to lifelong health; and


WHEREAS, even small amounts of lead in the body can adversely impact intelligence quotient (IQ), ability to pay attention, and academic achievement. The damaging effects of lead exposure often go undetected because symptoms, if any, are often non-specific; and

WHEREAS, a blood lead test is the best way to identify if a child has been exposed to lead. Although lead can be found in many products and locations, lead exposure is preventable; and

WHEREAS, the Council encourages all City of Berkeley residents to learn about the risk and potential sources of lead exposure, and the steps we can take to protect our children.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, **Jesse Arreguin**, Mayor of the City of Berkeley, do hereby reaffirm Berkeley's commitment to the health and well-being of our children and do hereby proclaim October 24-30 2021 as

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Jesse Arreguin
Mayor



October 26, 2021