

OFFERED BY COUNCILOR ENRIQUE J. PEPÉN



CITY OF BOSTON

IN THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND TWENTY SIX

RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING MAY AS ASTHMA AWARENESS MONTH IN THE CITY OF BOSTON

WHEREAS, Asthma is a chronic lung disease where the airways narrow, swell, and produce extra mucus making it difficult to breathe especially when the air is low-quality due to pollution, allergens, changes in climate, and other irritants; *and*

WHEREAS, According to the American Lung Association, over 27 million people in the United States live with asthma. While there is no cure, lifestyle choices and advocating for climate resiliency policies for less pollution can manage the disease to live a normal, healthy life; *and*

WHEREAS, The Health of Boston 2023 Asthma Report showed that Black adults experienced higher prevalence of asthma compared with their White counterparts. There were also higher rates of asthma observed among adults with lower household income and who lived in publicly supported housing; *and*

WHEREAS, The Health of Boston 2023 Asthma Report also documented that from 2017-2021, the age-specific asthma emergency department visit rate per 10,000 residents decreased for all age groups yet there were still higher rates of visits of Black and Latinx patients than White patients. The highest rates of visits by age were among residents between 0-17 years old; *and*

WHEREAS, The Asthma Prevention and Control Program under the Boston Public Health Commission has two initiatives- the Breathe Easy at Home Program and the Boston Asthma Home Visiting Program - that work with city partners to address and repair housing conditions that could trigger asthma flare ups; *and*

WHEREAS, May is Asthma Awareness Month, a time to support those living with asthma, advocate for resources to study this chronic disease, and push for policy changes that will provide cleaner air and less pollution; ***NOW, THEREFORE BE IT***

RESOLVED: That the Boston City Council recognizes the month of May as Asthma Awareness Month in the City of Boston and commits itself to working towards clean air across Boston.

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