

Clean Air Month 2007 Proclamation

WHEREAS, diesel exhaust is a serious public health risk, a human carcinogen which is responsible for a significant percent of the cancer risk in Washington state from toxic air contaminants and a major contributor to asthma and other lung diseases; and

WHEREAS, particulate matter air pollution, especially fine particles from combustion, can be inhaled deeply into the lungs and cause serious damage, including asthma attacks, respiratory illnesses and premature death; and

WHEREAS, all counties in ORCAA's jurisdiction meet the National Ambient Air Quality Standards; and

WHEREAS, Mason County realizes the need for cleaner methods of transportation that can help communities reduce air pollution, including natural gas, fuel cell, electric, hybrid-electric cars, vans and trucks; and

WHEREAS, the theme of the Olympic Region Clean Air Agency is "Clean Air is Everyone's Business"; and

WHEREAS, the month of May is the Olympic Region Clean Air Agency's Clean Air Month, designed to raise public awareness about the need for citizens and businesses to work to reduce air pollution; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, WE, The Board of Mason County Commissioners, do hereby fully proclaim May as CLEAN AIR MONTH and encourage all residents and businesses to participate in this worthwhile effort; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that a copy of this proclamation be sent to the Olympic Region Clean Air Agency.

Dated this 15th day of May, 2007.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MASON COUNTY, WASHINGTON

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