

PROCLAMATION

Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Week
October 25 through October 31, 2015

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 years in low-income families and those living in pre-1978 housing are at higher risk of lead poisoning; and

WHEREAS, In Orange County, there are about 1,000 children, ages 0 to 5 years, identified each year with increased blood lead levels; and

WHEREAS, For the period from 2012 to 2014, the city of Garden Grove was in the top 10 cities with the highest percentage of children tested with elevated blood lead levels in Orange County in the 0 to 2 years, and 3 to 5 years age groups; 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, 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; and

WHEREAS, The City of Garden Grove commends the Health Care Agency's Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program staff for their coordinated efforts to increase community awareness about lead hazards and lead poisoning prevention methods to promote healthy families in Orange County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Garden Grove City Council does hereby proclaim the week of October 25 through October 31, 2015 as Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Week and encourages all parents and caregivers of children under the age of six years to educate themselves about the risk of lead poisoning.

October 13, 2015

Bao Nguyen, Mayor

Steven R. Jones, Mayor Pro Tem

Christopher V. Phan, Council Member

Phat Bui, Council Member

Kris Beard, Council Member

Recommended for Approval



Scott C. Stiles
City Manager