

Sample Proclamation

From a Local Official

Enlist a well-known local official to issue a proclamation supporting events and activities during May, Asthma Awareness Month. Below is a sample proclamation that can serve as a guide.

YOUR CITY, COUNTY, OR STATE



YOUR GOVERNMENTAL OFFICE

[COUNTY EXECUTIVE'S, MAYOR'S, GOVERNOR'S]
PROCLAMATION IN SUPPORT OF ASTHMA AWARENESS MONTH
IN [COUNTY, CITY, OR STATE]

WHEREAS, asthma has reached epidemic proportions in the United States, affecting about 22 million people;

WHEREAS, asthma is one of the leading causes of childhood hospitalizations, long-term illness, and school absenteeism, accounting for nearly 13 million missed school days each year;

WHEREAS, each year 2 million people are rushed to the emergency room and 5,000 people die from asthma;

WHEREAS, asthma is a long-term, inflammatory disease in which the airways of the lungs constrict, causing wheezing, breathlessness, chest tightness, and coughing;

WHEREAS, exposure to allergens and irritants such as dust mites, mold, cockroaches, pet dander, and secondhand smoke can bring on an asthma episode;

WHEREAS, secondhand smoke worsens children's asthma in up to one million children;

WHEREAS, there are simple steps people can take to reduce their exposure to environmental asthma triggers;

WHEREAS, **[your organization]** and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency are encouraging Americans to identify and reduce their exposures to environmental triggers in homes and schools, and incorporate environmental controls into their asthma management plans.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, **[name]**, **[title]** of **[county, city, or state]** do hereby proclaim:

May **[Year]**
Asthma Awareness Month
In **[County, City, or State]**

(Signature of Official)

