

*Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Week*  
*October 22-28, 2023*

*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 paint, dust, soil, drinking water, consumer products, and in the air from lead aviation gas and other lead emitters; 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 La Habra; and

*WHEREAS*, protecting children from lead exposure is critical to lifelong health. 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. The signs of lead exposure are difficult to identify. A blood lead test is the best way to determine if a child has been exposed to lead; and

*WHEREAS*, although lead can be found in many products and locations, lead exposure is preventable. All residents of the City of La Habra are encouraged to learn about the risk and potential sources of lead exposure, and the steps we can take to protect and help ensure a bright and healthy future for our children; and

*WHEREAS*, the City of La Habra commends the Health Care Agency’s Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program staff for their coordinated efforts with our city to increase community awareness about lead hazards and lead poisoning prevention methods to promote healthy families in the community.

*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED*, that the City Council of the City of La Habra does hereby declare the week of October 22 through October 28, 2023, as “Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Week” in the City of La Habra and encourages all parents and caregivers of children under the age of six years to ask their child’s medical provider about their risk for lead poisoning and if a blood lead test is needed. Housing renovators and contractors are also called on to follow lead-safe work practices.

*DATED* this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of October, 2023.

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James Gomez  
Mayor

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Attest: Rhonda J. Barone, CMC  
City Clerk