



## **National Take Down Tobacco Day-April 1, 2024**

**WHEREAS**, The Guadalupe County Community Coalition and its partners, and the American Heart Association strive to support the annual Take Down Tobacco Day to bring awareness of the dangers of tobacco; and

**WHEREAS**, Cigarette smoking is the major single cause of cancer death in the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, secondhand smoke is the third leading cause of preventable death in the United States, killing about 42,000 Americans each year; and

**WHEREAS**, secondhand smoke is a known cause of lung cancer, heart disease, chronic lung ailments such as bronchitis and asthma and other health problems; and

**WHEREAS**, workers in the hospitality & service industries, such as bartenders & wait staff, are significantly less protected from exposure to secondhand smoke; and

**WHEREAS**, with every breath in a restaurant or bar that allows smoking, workers are exposed to 7,000 chemicals, including more than 70 known carcinogens that cause heart disease, lung cancer, and other serious illnesses; and

**WHEREAS**, in our area the average age of first use of tobacco is 12 years old, and 1 in 10 have used a tobacco product in the past month; and

**WHEREAS**, quitting smoking lowers your risk for smoking-related diseases and can add years to your life; and

**WHEREAS**, the Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids and the United Health Foundation created the Take Down Tobacco Day campaign as a national day of action to protect our communities from the dangers of tobacco; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ralph Gutierrez, Mayor of the City of Schertz, Texas,**  
do hereby proclaim **April 1, 2024, as National Take Down Tobacco Day.**

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Schertz to be affixed this the 19th day of March 2024.

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Ralph Gutierrez, Mayor