

Introduced by Senator Runner

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Senate Resolution No. 27—Relative to Clean Air Month.

1 WHEREAS, Clean air is vital and important to our health,
2 environment, and economy; and
3 WHEREAS, Due to longer days and warmer temperatures, the
4 month of May is typically the start of the state’s ozone season; and
5 WHEREAS, Ozone and particle pollution are both linked to the
6 increased risk of lower birth weight in newborns; and
7 WHEREAS, Certain groups are especially vulnerable to the
8 effects of air pollution, such as infants, older adults, and people
9 with lung diseases, including asthma, cystic fibrosis, and
10 scleroderma; and
11 WHEREAS, Minorities and lower income groups are often
12 disproportionately affected by air pollution, which puts them at
13 higher risk for illnesses; and
14 WHEREAS, Particulate matter air pollution, especially fine
15 particles, can be inhaled deeply into the lungs and cause serious
16 damage, including asthma attacks, respiratory illness, lung cancer,
17 heart attacks, strokes, and premature death; and
18 WHEREAS, According to the American Lung Association’s
19 2015 State of the Air Report, 14 cities in California top the national
20 list of cities most polluted by year-round particle pollution; and
21 WHEREAS, Clean Air Month is designed to raise public
22 awareness about the need for every Californian to work to reduce
23 air pollution; and
24 WHEREAS, Clearly there is much still to be done to reduce the
25 burden of air pollution and improve the health of tens of millions
26 of Californians; and

1 WHEREAS, Increased public awareness efforts during the
2 month of May and throughout the year will promote actions by
3 citizens and businesses that will help keep the air clean; now,
4 therefore, be it

5 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, That May*
6 *2015 is declared as Clean Air Month in California; and be it further*

7 *Resolved, That Californians are working to help limit the*
8 *pollutants that impede our state’s air quality for the health of all*
9 *our state’s residents and particularly for those at greater risk,*
10 *including infants, the elderly, and people with lung diseases; and*
11 *be it further*

12 *Resolved, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of*
13 *this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.*

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