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**MOTION PROCLAIMING OCTOBER 3 “CALIFORNIA CLEAN AIR DAY”**

California, and particularly the Los Angeles region, has long suffered from polluted air caused by cars and trucks, industrial sources, and even consumer products such as paints and solvents. As a result, California has also been a pioneer of innovative clean air strategies, forming some of the earliest air pollution regulatory bodies in the nation. Recognizing California’s unique record of air pollution control and the severity of the air pollution problem, the federal Clean Air Act of 1970 gave California the authority to set adopt its own motor vehicle emissions standards and permitted other states to adopt California’s more stringent requirements. Since that time, California has led the way by enforcing stringent emissions standards and implementing many other innovative clean air strategies.

However, we still have work to do to ensure a legacy of clean, safe air for California. California continues to have some of the most polluted regions in the United States. Each year, there are 19,000 premature deaths related to poor air quality in California. Dirty air contributes to missed school and work days, increased incidence of

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asthma in children, and billions of dollars in economic losses from health complications such as cancer, heart disease, and lung disease each year. The negative impacts of air pollution are not distributed equally to all Californians. Low income communities and communities of color bear the brunt of the impacts today, and they have historically suffered disproportionately from the effects of air pollution. Environmental justice advocacy groups are working to bring awareness to the ways air pollution contributes to and compounds these disparities, and to offer strategies for reducing the impacts of air pollution.

It is vital that we protect the health and well-being of our residents, visitors, and workforce. In particular, fighting air pollution due to motor vehicle emissions is critical because, in addition to their adverse health effects, transportation emissions are the leading national source of the greenhouse gases that cause climate change. Raising awareness about our history of air quality successes and innovations as well as the air pollution public health and environmental justice challenges we still face is an important part of securing a legacy of clean air for California.

**WE, THEREFORE, MOVE** that the Board of Supervisors proclaim October 3, 2018 as “California Clean Air Day” throughout Los Angeles County and encourage all County agencies to promote awareness of California Clean Air Day include taking the Clean Air Pledge to promote walking, biking, carpooling, or taking transit to work, and conserving electricity.

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