

RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING NATIONAL LEAD POISONING PREVENTION WEEK

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (“CDC”), and other partners work to heighten awareness of lead poisoning, provide resources, and encourage preventative actions during October 24-30, 2021, designated as National Lead Poisoning Prevention Week, and beyond;

WHEREAS, according to the CDC, approximately half a million American children between the ages of 1 and 5 years old have blood lead levels greater or equal to the level at which the CDC recommends public health actions begin;

WHEREAS, children are at a greater risk for lead exposure, including those who are from low-income families, members of racial-ethnic minority groups, recent immigrants, and living in older, poorly maintained properties;

WHEREAS, lead is a toxic mineral, especially in young children, that can cause damage to the brain and other vital organs and learning and behavior problems when absorbed into the body;

WHEREAS, the most common source of lead exposure is from lead-based paint, which was used in many homes built before 1978, and can also be found in soil and household dust;

WHEREAS, identification and remediation of lead are shared responsibilities among many agencies, the private sector, and the public, and the City actively works with partner organizations and private property owners to reduce the incidence of deteriorated lead based paint in housing through its Lead Safe Greensboro program;

WHEREAS, promotion of National Lead Poisoning Prevention Week can help educate, coordinate, and mobilize the government and the community to address the pressing dangers of lead in our community; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GREENSBORO:

That the City recognizes the continuing importance of lead poisoning prevention and October 24 through October 30, 2021, as National Lead Poisoning Prevention Week in the City of Greensboro.