



Legislation Text

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Council Members Williams, Gadus and Hobbs

Recognizing October 22-28, 2023 as National Lead Poisoning Prevention Week and recognizing and supporting the Junction Coalition and its partners in the receipt and implementation of the CDC's Supporting Communities to Reduce Lead Poisoning Grant.

WHEREAS, each year, National Lead Poisoning Prevention Week is a call to increase lead poisoning prevention awareness to reduce childhood exposure to lead. This year, National Lead Poisoning Prevention Week is October 22-28, 2023; and

WHEREAS, lead exposure to children, especially those under the age of six, can result from multiple sources and can cause irreversible and life-long health effects. Lead poisoning, however, is preventable; the key is to keep children from coming into contact with lead; and

WHEREAS, Ohio has been ranked second nationally for elevated blood lead level rates among children. Toledo has all zip codes designated as high risk for childhood lead poisoning by the Ohio Department of Health, with some census tracts at even higher risk; and

WHEREAS, the City of Toledo, the Toledo Lead Poisoning Prevention Coalition and other community partners have taken significant positive steps toward reducing the risk of lead poisoning in our community and have implemented various programs aimed at reducing the exposure to lead. A critical factor in the success of these programs is connecting the community to these resources; and

WHEREAS, the Junction Coalition was selected as one of eleven organizations nationwide to receive funding from the Centers for Disease Control for Supporting Communities to Reduce Lead Poisoning Program. This program will focus on preventing lead poisoning by developing a connected grassroots model of outreach, education and connecting caregivers of our most at-risk population to existing resources. Partners on this project include the Nationwide Children's Hospital, Neighborhood Health Association, the Toledo Lead Poisoning Prevention Coalition, and the City of Toledo. The project will focus on the Junction Neighborhood in year one, North Toledo in year two, and the entire City of Toledo in year three; NOW, THEREFORE,

Be it resolved by the Council of the City of Toledo:

SECTION 1. That Toledo City Council hereby recognizes October 21-28, 2023 National Lead Poisoning Prevention Week and further supports the Junction Coalition and its partners in implementation of the CDC Supporting Communities to Reduce Lead Poisoning Grant.

SECTION 2. That this Resolution shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

Adopted: October 24, 2023, as an emergency measure: yeas 12, nays 0.

Attest:

Gerald E. Dendinger
Clerk of Council

Matt Cherry
President of Council

Approved:

October 24, 2023
Wade Kapszukiewicz

Mayor