



Office of the Governor

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PROCLAMATION

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May 2008, as "Asthma Awareness Month"

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by the
Governor of the State of California

Asthma is one of the most widely spread chronic diseases in California, with more than five million patients in our state. It leads to thousands of hospital visits each year and, tragically, hundreds of deaths. Asthma is also the most common illness in children, and it can cause very serious problems.

However, with proper medical care and precautions, asthma can be controlled. We can also combat the disease by encouraging our family and friends to quit smoking and by promoting healthy habits in general. Asthma Awareness Month is a great time to renew our focus on managing asthma and to encourage those suffering from the disease to visit their health professionals.

These precautionary measures allow many people with asthma to live happier and healthier lives. All across our state, health care professionals, environmental groups and government leaders are taking action to fight the causes of asthma and bring awareness on how to avoid and treat it. In 2005, I also launched the Breathe Easier campaign, which educates Californians about the harmful health effects of smog and urges people to take high polluting cars off the road. By working together, we can reduce the impact asthma has in our Golden State.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ARNOLD SCHWARZENEGGER, Governor of the State of California, do hereby proclaim May 2008, as "Asthma Awareness Month."



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 8th day of May 2008.

ARNOLD SCHWARZENEGGER
Governor of California

ATTEST:

DEBRA BOWEN
Secretary of State