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County Commission Proclaims May as Clean Air Month
Month-long Recognition Promotes Transportation Options for Clean Air

The Broward County Commission is proclaiming May as Clean Air Month, an annual statewide recognition event designed to increase public awareness of how to protect and preserve air quality.

The theme is "It All Adds Up to Cleaner Air," and the focus is on promoting transportation alternatives that can help protect the quality of the air we breathe.

Because traffic congestion is the largest contributing factor to air pollution, promoting environmentally friendly transportation options such as mass transit, carpooling, bicycling, walking or driving hybrid or alternative-fuel vehicles, are important to maintaining a safe environment and a high quality of life for Broward's residents and visitors. Clean Air Month also emphasizes the importance of preserving air quality to protect future generations.

"This year is the 'Year of the Environment,'" said Broward County Mayor Kristin Jacobs. "Promoting smart transportation options to preserve our clean air is one way we can all work together to safeguard our environment for generations to come."

As part of the month-long recognition event, Broward County's Environmental Protection Department is planning a series of outreach efforts to promote clean air. Efforts include informational displays at the Broward County Governmental Center in downtown Fort Lauderdale, at regional County libraries and local events, a poster contest for elementary and middle school students, and air quality presentations for elementary school students and civic groups.

Clean Air Month partners include the Broward County Commission's Environmental Protection Department, the American Lung Association, South Florida Commuter Services and the Florida Department of Environmental Protection.

For a complete list of Clean Air Month outreach efforts or for more information on clean air, visit www.broward.org/cleanairmonth.

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