

WHEREAS, Carbon monoxide is produced by furnaces, common household appliances, vehicles, generators, fireplaces, and other systems that are powered by the burning of fuel that includes, but is not limited to, natural gas, propane, gasoline, oil, and wood; and

WHEREAS, Carbon monoxide is a colorless, odorless, and tasteless poison gas that can be fatal when inhaled, and it is known as “the silent killer” because it cannot be seen, smelled, or tasted; and

WHEREAS, Carbon monoxide is the leading cause of accidental poisoning deaths in the United States;

and

WHEREAS, The Journal of the American Medical Association has determined that carbon monoxide claims more than 2,000 lives each year; and

WHEREAS, The American Association of Poison Control Centers has determined that there are 40,000 emergency room visits from suspected carbon monoxide poisoning, and 20,000 health-related injuries each year; and

WHEREAS, The Mayo Clinic has determined that 51 percent of all carbon monoxide poisoning cases reported involve children six years of age and under; and

WHEREAS, The Carbon Monoxide Health and Safety Association has determined that the combined medical cost of carbon monoxide accidents, lost productivity, and lost wages amounts to \$8.8 billion per year; and

WHEREAS, Public education and awareness about carbon monoxide poisoning are critical to protecting residents of (insert your town's name) from the dangers of this deadly gas and the risk factors in the home; and

WHEREAS, Carbon monoxide alarms have been determined to be the most effective way to detect carbon monoxide and there is a dramatic correlation between carbon monoxide alarm ordinances in cities and lower death rates from carbon monoxide; and

WHEREAS, (insert petitioner's group name), in conjunction with National Fire Prevention Week, will host a CO Awareness Program on (insert date) from (insert time) and distribute a limited number of free carbon monoxide detectors and/or 20% off coupons for carbon monoxide detectors in partnership with First Alert, a leader in residential fire and CO detection devices, and the Lindsey O'Brien Kesling Wishing Tree Foundation, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Common Council of the Town of (insert your town's name) hereby recognizes and declares the (insert date) as Carbon Monoxide Awareness Day and urges the

residents of (insert your town's name) to become educated about the risks and prevention of carbon monoxide poisoning, and consider installation of carbon monoxide detectors in their homes and businesses.

Adopted on this (insert day) of (insert month), (insert year) by the Common Council of the Town Of (insert your town's name).