

# Proclamation

## Idle-Free Proclamation for Motorized Vehicles in Hayward

**WHEREAS**, emissions from vehicle idling contribute significantly to air pollution, climate change, increased rates of cancer, and heart and lung diseases; and

**WHEREAS**, emissions from vehicle idling significantly affect the natural environment, air quality, and well-being of residents, guests, and visitors of Hayward; and

**WHEREAS**, idling a typical vehicle for longer than ten seconds consumes more fuel than restarting that vehicle, resulting in excessive emissions and wasted fuel; and

**WHEREAS**, it is vital that we protect the health and well-being of communities most at risk, such as our children who are the future for our community; and

**WHEREAS**, every resident can improve Hayward's air quality by turning off vehicles whenever we are going to idle more than a minute; and

**WHEREAS**, education about idle reduction can raise community awareness, encourage our community to develop idle free habits; and

**WHEREAS**, the Hayward 2040 General Plan calls for the reduction of community-based greenhouse gas emissions, as well as the reduction of emissions related to City operations and commutes, for which reduced idling is a recommended strategy; and

**WHEREAS**, on May 14, 2018, the Hayward Council Sustainability Committee recommended that the City proclaim support for the promotion of reduced idling practices throughout the community in an effort to abate City-wide emissions, thereby improving regional air quality and public health.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I**, Barbara Halliday, Mayor of the City of Hayward, do hereby express concern over the health, safety, and environmental issues associated with excessive car idling, and encourage staff and community members to practice no engine idling for the greater benefit of the City of Hayward.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I hereunto set my hand and cause the Seal of the City of Hayward to be affixed this 10<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2018.

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Mayor Barbara Halliday