



City of Rochester • County of Monroe

Proclamation

By these Presents, Greetings:

- WHEREAS:** *Asthma is one of the most common noncommunicable diseases among children, and is a leading cause of hospitalizations and school absences due to a chronic disease among children; and*
- WHEREAS:** *An estimated one million individuals per year visit emergency departments because of asthma's effects, and this manageable disease claims the lives of thousands of people in the United States each year, including many in Rochester and Monroe County; and*
- WHEREAS:** *The total economic cost of asthma in the United States was nearly \$82 billion per year from 2008 to 2013 – approximately \$115 billion when adjusted for inflation; and*
- WHEREAS:** *Poor indoor air quality impacts more than just the lungs, and can affect a person's ability to focus, mental function, school performance, and work productivity; and*
- WHEREAS:** *We pause to recognize Indoor Air Quality Awareness Month to increase awareness of the impacts of poor air quality, ways to improve indoor air quality, and ways to reduce exposure to allergens and airway irritants.*

NOW, THEREFORE, we, Malik D. Evans, Mayor of the City of Rochester, New York and Adam J. Bello, Monroe County Executive, do hereby proclaim October 2026, to be:

AIR QUALITY AWARENESS MONTH

In Witness Whereof, We Have hereunto set our hands on this 8th day of October in the year 2026.

Signed:



Mayor, Rochester, New York



Monroe County Executive