

# Proclamation

**Whereas,** lead poisoning poses a threat to residents of all ages, especially children under the age of six and those with developmental disabilities; and

**Whereas,** each year, International Lead Poisoning Prevention Week and National Lead Poisoning Prevention Week bring together individuals, organizations, industry, and state and local governments to help increase lead awareness and reduce childhood exposure to lead; and

**Whereas,** lead poisoning can have devastating effects, including delayed growth, learning disabilities, cognitive and behavior disorders, and even death. Even more alarming, lead poisoning tends to have little or no early visible symptoms and often goes undetected; and

**Whereas,** lead is commonly found in old paint, soil and water. If you believe your child may have lead poisoning, it is crucial to contact their health care provider immediately; and

**Whereas,** because it is vital that our residents are healthy and we have a safe environment, Code Enforcement Officers provide for the safety, health, and welfare of our residents through the enforcement of local, state, and federal laws and ordinances; and

**Whereas,** Code Enforcement Officers have challenging and demanding roles and often do not receive recognition for the job they do in improving quality of life for residents and businesses of our community.

**Now, therefore be it resolved,** that I, Trish Herrera Spencer, Mayor of the City of Alameda, do hereby proclaim October 21-27, 2018 as

## Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Week

**Now, therefore be it further resolved,** that I, Trish Herrera Spencer, Mayor of the City of Alameda, do hereby proclaim October 8-14, 2018 as

## Code Enforcement Officer Appreciation Week

in the City of Alameda and encourage our residents to learn about the dangers of lead poisoning and recognize and honor the Code Enforcement Officers who serve our community.



Trish Herrera Spencer

Mayor