

No Idling Resolution

WHEREAS, studies show that vehicle exhaust from idling cars result in toxic air pollution, which is a cause of cancer, neurological, cardiac, and lung diseases, asthma, low-birth-weight and premature babies and is linked to serious health problems for pregnant mothers, people with preexisting conditions and children; children's lungs are still developing and especially at risk; in the US, asthma is the most common chronic illness among children and the third leading cause of hospitalization among children under 15 years-old, and causes the largest number of school absences; and because one minute of vehicle idling puts more carbon monoxide into the air than 3 packs of cigarettes (as stated in California ACR-160 Motor Vehicle Idling: Children); and the EPA estimates that half of all cancers attributed to outdoor air pollution are from vehicle emissions, and children, pregnant mothers, and people with preexisting conditions are especially at risk from air pollution and car exhaust; and

WHEREAS, gasoline and diesel powered vehicles contribute significantly to air pollution, including Greenhouse gases, ozone formation, and fine particulates; and over 30 million tons of CO₂ (carbon dioxide) are released from idling cars in the US each year; and 1 gallon of gas results in approximately 20 pounds of carbon dioxide; and transportation is the largest contributor to Greenhouse gas emissions (27% in the US); and

WHEREAS, in the US each day, idling vehicles waste over 3.8 million gallons of fuel and over 200,000 barrels of foreign oil; and idling for 10 minutes uses as much fuel as it takes to travel 5 miles, on average; and 10 seconds of idling uses more fuel and emits more pollutants than turning an engine off and on again; and vehicle idling is harmful to a vehicle's engine because it wears engine parts; and over 23 states and D.C. limit idling by some or all vehicles; and 27 states and the District of Columbia have laws imposing restrictions on idling at schools, by some or all vehicles, to protect children and the public from exposure to pollutants from emissions.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that DEMCCO encourages all drivers to turn off their vehicle when parked, only start their vehicle when they are ready to drive and avoid drive-throughs and lines when possible and educate others.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that DEMCCO will utilize voter outreach events, website, newsletters and Facebook page for this purpose.

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President