

WASHINGTON, DC
MURIEL BOWSER, MAYOR

Proclamation



LEAD POISONING PREVENTION WEEK

OCTOBER 21 - 27, 2018

WHEREAS, National Lead Poisoning Prevention Week increases awareness regarding lead poisoning, stresses the importance of screening, and encourages preventive measures in order to reduce lead exposure; and

WHEREAS, lead is a neurotoxin that is harmful to our residents, particularly our children even at very low levels; and

WHEREAS, residential homes built in Washington, DC prior to 1978 may contain lead-based paint and generate lead-based paint hazards that pose a lead exposure threat; and

WHEREAS, all children who live in the city are required to be screened for lead at least twice, at age 6 to 14 months and 22 to 26 months; and

WHEREAS, during this week, the Department of Energy and Environment, Lead-Safe and Healthy Housing Division will sponsor programs and activities to enhance public awareness about the dangers of lead poisoning:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, THE MAYOR OF WASHINGTON, DC, do hereby proclaim October 21 - 27, 2018, as "LEAD POISONING PREVENTION WEEK" in Washington, D.C.

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