

# *City of Santa Ana*

## **PROCLAMATION**

Recognizing

### **CALIFORNIANS FOR GREEN DENTISTRY**

WHEREAS, Californians for Green Dentistry is a grass roots organization whose mission is to launch an initiative to create dental mercury amalgam-free zones in the United States; and

WHEREAS, the State of California recognizes in Proposition 65 that "Dental Amalgam causes exposure to mercury, a chemical known to the State of California to cause birth defects or other reproductive harm" and the State recognizes the Watson Law that "mercury may harm the developing brain of a child or fetus"; and

WHEREAS, Amalgam is the second-largest selling mercury product in the United States where more mercury resides in human teeth than in all other mercury products combined; and

WHEREAS, the mercury from dental fillings pollutes our water via dental clinic releases and household waste, pollutes our air via cremation, clinic emissions and sludge incineration and pollutes our land via landfills, burials and fertilizer; and

WHEREAS, Amalgam is by far the greatest contributor of mercury to wastewater and once in the environment, converts to methyl mercury and contaminates the fish we eat; and

WHEREAS, the environmental health effects of mercury are well established – according to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency – mercury in the environment can cause neurological damage, especially to the developing brains and nervous systems of children and fetuses.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MIGUEL A. PULIDO, MAYOR of the City of Santa Ana, on behalf of the City Council, do hereby recognize

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and support their mission to eliminate the use of mercury in dental practices. The City Council also encourages all dental practices in Santa Ana voluntarily cease the use of Dental Amalgam and switch to interchangeable, modern alternatives in filling materials.

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*Miguel A. Pulido*  
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