

# City of Long Beach California

## PROCLAMATION

presented for

### *Asthma Awareness Day*

May 2, 2006

*Whereas*, the Long Beach Alliance for Children with Asthma started in 1999; and

*Whereas*, the Long Beach Alliance for Children with Asthma was one of seven sites in the United States and Puerto Rico awarded grants under the Robert Woods Johnson Foundation's Allies Against Asthma program; and

*Whereas*, asthma affects an estimated twenty million Americans and contributes to roughly 5,000 American deaths each year; and

*Whereas*, asthma incidence and deaths have increased in the US and throughout the world; and

*Whereas*, asthma's prevalence and severity are disproportionately higher among children and minorities; and

*Whereas*, asthma has been identified by nurses in the Long Beach Unified School District as the number one physical health problem among school-aged children, and a leading cause for missed school days; and

*Whereas*, the Long Beach Alliance for Children with Asthma is partnering with asthma stakeholders to improve the lives of children with asthma in Long Beach through improved healthcare delivery and quality, outreach, education, support systems, improved living environments and changes in policy at all levels.

*Now, Therefore*, I, Beverly O'Neill, Mayor of the City of Long Beach, on behalf of the Long Beach City Council, do hereby proclaim May 2, 2006 as Asthma Awareness Day in Long Beach and encourage the people of Long Beach to observe this day and the entire month with appropriate programs, ceremonies and activities to raise awareness about asthma and its impact on the community.



*Beverly O'Neill*  
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MAYOR

Dated: May 2, 2006