## PROCLAMATION

The City of Philadelphia desires all of our children to have access to as many opportunities as possible - especially a clean and healthy environment. We have a long history of protecting and cherishing our natural resources so all of our residents can enjoy their tremendous environmental and aesthetic benefits. The City recognizes all efforts by citizens and organizations to educate our children about the beauty and importance of nature, and the benefits they provide for our quality of life.

Children's Environmental Health (CEH) Awareness Day, which occurs this year on Thursday, October 11, 2018, seeks to raise awareness of children's environmental health issues. The goal of the day is to champion vital environmental issues such as access to clean air and water; safer foods and products; and a healthy environment for all children to thrive. Much more work still needs to be done in order to provide every child with a safe environment in which to live, learn, and play.

The objectives of CEH are to reduce children's exposure to environmental hazards; educate parents, caregivers, and others charged with safeguarding a child's welfare; seek improved protections for children; perform acts of sustainability or environmental health awareness; and generate the momentum necessary to keep children's well-being at the center of all decision-making.

This annual event was created by the Children's Environmental Health. Network on October 13, 2016, and is observed on the second Thursday of October each year. The national effort is supported by a multitude of individuals, nonprofit organizations, and government agencies.

## THEREFORE...

I, James F. Kenney, Mayor of the City of Philadelphia, do hereby proclaim Thursday, October 11, 2018 to be

## CHILDREN'S ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH **AWARENESS DAY**

in Philadelphia, and urge residents to use this day to show support for all of our children by demonstrating a willingness to protect them from potential environmental threats, and commend the network organizers for this annual reminder to be aware of this important cause.

James F. Kenney

Mayor

Given under my hand and the seal of the City of Philadelphia on this eleventh day of October, two thousand and eighteen