

Proclamation



LEAD POISONING PREVENTION AND AWARENESS WEEK

OCTOBER 25-31, 2015

WHEREAS, lead is a powerful neurotoxin that is harmful to young children and to pregnant women at even very low levels of exposure; and

WHEREAS, the majority of the existing housing stock in the District of Columbia was built prior to 1978 and therefore may contain lead-based paint; and

WHEREAS, the presence of deteriorating lead-based paint constitutes a lead-based paint hazard and poses a lead exposure threat; and

WHEREAS, renovation work conducted in housing units built before 1978 without the use of lead-safe work practices may generate lead-based paint hazards that pose a lead exposure threat; and

WHEREAS, all children who live in the District of Columbia need to be screened for possible lead exposure twice by age two; and

WHEREAS, the Government of the District of Columbia, in close collaboration with its community partners, is in the forefront of the fight against childhood lead poisoning;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, THE MAYOR OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, do hereby proclaim October 25 - 31, 2015, in Washington, DC as "LEAD POISONING PREVENTION AND AWARENESS WEEK."



A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Muriel Bowser", written over a horizontal line.