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Health District to Participate in National Mosquito Control Awareness Week

Waco, Texas (June 16, 2014) – The week of June 22 through June 28, 2014 has been declared the eighteenth annual “National Mosquito Control Awareness Week” by the American Mosquito Control Association (AMCA). The AMCA, an international organization of nearly 2,000 public health professionals, has been dedicated to preserving the public’s health and well-being through safe, environmentally sound mosquito control programs since 1935.

During “Mosquito Week” the AMCA’s goal is to educate the public about the significance of mosquitoes in their daily lives and the important service provided by mosquito control workers throughout the United States and worldwide. Educational programs will focus on mosquitoes as disease carriers and pests. Tips on how to eliminate mosquito egg-laying sites around homes will help citizens reduce the numbers of mosquitoes in their own neighborhoods.

Locally, the Waco-McLennan County Public Health District has created an informative page on the City of Waco website that provides resources for Central Texans on how to protect themselves from mosquitoes and the diseases they spread. The page can be accessed by visiting www.waco-texas.com and clicking on the “Mosquito Week” link.

In addition, the Waco City Cable Channel is airing an episode of the City Talk radio show featuring prevention tips offered by Environmental Health Program Administrator David Litke. The link to the program is: <http://vimeo.com/94572826>.

For more information on local events during “Mosquito Week,” please call the local media contact above. For more information on national events, please call or e-mail Joe Conlon, the national media contact listed below.

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