

PROCLAMATION

DROWNING PREVENTION AWARENESS

WHEREAS, drowning is the leading cause of death and disability in California for children under five years of age; and

WHEREAS, for every child who dies from drowning, another five receive emergency care for non-fatal submersion injuries; and

WHEREAS, fatal and non-fatal drowning is a silent event, occurring in as little as two inches of water, including inflatable swimming pools, spas, bath tubs, the ocean, and any other body of water; and

WHEREAS, the Orange County Fire Authority's (OCFA) 2021 theme for drowning prevention is "Always Watch Your Child Around Water" with the initiatives set forth in the "ABCs of Water Safety" program designed to increase public awareness regarding proper procedures to prevent this needless tragedy; and

WHEREAS, in-depth information for preventing drowning is available at <https://www.ocfa.org/SafetyPrograms/DrowningPrevention.aspx>; and

WHEREAS, all families, parents, residents, schools, recreational facilities, businesses, and homeowner associations are encouraged to become partners in preparedness by increasing their knowledge of proper safety measures to prevent drowning; and

WHEREAS, OCFA will launch a water safety campaign in May that will continue through October 2021.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED, that the City of Garden Grove City Council supports drowning prevention awareness and promotes the Orange County Fire Authority's 2021 campaign "Always Watch Your Child Around Water."

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