

PROCLAMATION

MAY AS DROWNING PREVENTION AWARENESS MONTH

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 eight 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 themes of this year's water safety campaign "Always Watch the Water" and "Never Swim Alone" gives in-depth information that will be provided by staff on what Orange County residents can do to prevent drowning; and

WHEREAS, the initiatives set forth in the "ABCs of Water Safety" program will increase public awareness regarding proper procedures to prevent this needless tragedy; and

WHEREAS, the Orange County Fire Authority, will be taking this opportunity to increase public awareness about drowning prevention through a diverse community outreach campaign; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Garden Grove City Council does hereby proclaim its participation in the "Always Watch the Water" and "Never Swim Alone" 2022 Orange County Fire Authority campaigns that kick-off in May and continue through August by encouraging all families, parents, residents, schools, recreational facilities, businesses, and homeowner associations to become partners in preparedness by increasing their knowledge of proper safety measures in drowning prevention.

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