

PROCLAMATION Declaring August 2021 as "Drowning Impact Awareness Month"

WHEREAS, Arizona's future prosperity depends upon the long-term health, safety, and well-being of the nearly two million children and teens in our state; and

WHEREAS, drowning is a top cause of injury and death for children and teens in Arizona, affecting not only the victims, but also families, emergency personnel, and our society as a whole; and

WHEREAS, child drownings are nearly 100 percent preventable; and

WHEREAS, research-proven strategies that can save lives, including constant and capable supervision, restricting access to water, using life jackets, swimming lessons for adults and children at the appropriate age, and rapid emergency response, including CPR; and

WHEREAS, awareness of the problem is just the first step; evidence-based programs to bring these strategies to families is the best way to save lives; and

WHEREAS, during the month of August, the Drowning Prevention Coalition of Arizona, in collaboration with state and local governments, community organizations, and private citizens, will be engaging communities throughout Arizona in a coordinated and comprehensive response.

NOW, THEREFORE, Mayor and the Marana Town Council do hereby declare August 2021 as "Drowning Impact Awareness Month," and urge all communities and citizens of Arizona to participate in efforts to reduce drowning risk, strengthen families, and protect children and teens.

Given under my hand in these free United States in the State of Arizona, on the 3rd day of August 2021, and to which I have caused the Seal of the Town of Marana, to be affixed and have made this proclamation public.

ATTEST:

Cherry L. Lawson, Town Clerk

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