

PROCLAMATION

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, including drownings which are classified as maltreatment and make up an average of one in four cases in Arizona; and

WHEREAS, research-proven strategies can save lives, including constant and capable supervision, restricting access to water, use of life jackets, swimming lessons for adults and children at the appropriate age, rapid emergency response, including CPR, and safe, stable and nurturing relationships and communities to break the cycle of maltreatment; and

WHEREAS, awareness of the problem is just the first step; and 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, fire departments, hospitals, swim schools, community organizations, and private citizens, will be engaging communities throughout Arizona in a coordinated and comprehensive response;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Pima County Board of Supervisors hereby proclaims the month of August 2016 to be:

“DROWNING IMPACT AWARENESS MONTH”

and urges all communities and citizens of Arizona to participate in efforts to reduce drowning risk, strengthen families, and protect children and teens.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 2nd day of August 2016.

The Honorable Sharon Bronson, Chair
Pima County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

Robin Brigode, Clerk
Pima County Board of Supervisors