

Proclamation
City of Laguna Woods
Drowning Prevention Awareness Period
May-August 2024

WHEREAS, in the United States, an average of 3,5000 to 4,000 people drown each year; and

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 seven receive emergency care for non-fatal submersion injuries; and

WHEREAS, fatal and non-fatal drowning can be a silent event, occurring in as little as two inches of water, including inflatable and built-in swimming pools, spas, bath tubs, buckets, the ocean, lakes, and anywhere else there is water; and

WHEREAS, the themes of the Orange County Fire Authority’s 2024 water safety campaign are “Always Watch the Water” and “Never Swim Alone”; and

WHEREAS, the Orange County Fire Authority’s “ABCs of Water Safety” program is intended to increase public awareness regarding proper procedures to prevent the needless tragedy of drowning.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Laguna Woods City Council does hereby proclaim May-August 2024 as “Drowning Awareness Prevention Period” in the City of Laguna Woods and encourages all residents, businesses, and homeowners associations to become partners in preparedness by increasing their knowledge of proper safety measures in drowning prevention.

Dated this 15th day of May, 2024

Noel Hatch
Mayor

Attest: Yolie Trippy, CMC
City Clerk