

DROWNING IMPACT AWARENESS MONTH

WHEREAS, Drowning Impact Awareness month is a statewide effort to bring attention to the potential consequences of childhood drownings and the simple steps we can all take to prevent them; and

WHEREAS, an average of twenty children drown in Maricopa County every year and water related injuries have become the second most common cause of harm to children in the state of Arizona; and

WHEREAS, Glendale families can help protect their children around water by learning the ABC's of water safety, which include Adult Supervision, Barriers to keep children from water, and CPR Classes; and

WHEREAS, keeping children safe around water is the mutual goal of Water Watchers at Phoenix Children's Hospital, the Glendale Fire Department and the Glendale Parks and Recreation Aquatics Program; and

WHEREAS, water safety is a priority for all Arizona families, firefighters, lifeguards, water safety instructors and elected officials who work vigorously every year to prevent childhood drownings.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Elaine Scruggs, Mayor of the City of Glendale, Arizona, on behalf of myself and the City Council, do hereby proclaim the month of August 2008 as:

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and call upon the citizens of Glendale to remember that families can take simple steps to protect their children around water.

In Witness Thereof, I have hereunto set my hand this 12th day of August 2008.