



## PROCLAMATION

### Drowning Impact Awareness Month August 2018

**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; evidence-based programs to bring these strategies to families is the best way to save lives; and

**WHEREAS**, during the month of August, Phoenix Children's Hospital, 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**, I, Mayor Barney, do hereby proclaim August 2018 as Drowning Impact Awareness Month in the Town of Queen Creek and urge all communities and citizens of Queen Creek, Arizona to participate in efforts to reduce drowning risk, strengthen families, and protect children and teens.

**WITNESS MY HAND** this 1<sup>st</sup> day of August 2018.

  
Mayor Gail Barney

  
Attest: Jennifer F. Robinson, Town Clerk