

Mayor Nancy Smith

Whereas, The City of Maricopa's future depends on the long-term health, safety, and wellness of its community of children and teens in our state; and

Whereas, drowning is the single leading cause of death for children ages 1-4 and the second leading cause of injury-related death for children up to age 14 in the United States, affecting not only the victims but also families, emergency personnel and hospitals of our community as a whole; and

Whereas, drowning and aquatic-related injuries are preventable; and

Whereas, evidence-based strategies like the National Drowning Prevention's 5 Layers of Protection, which includes using barriers and alarm, constant adult water supervision, adults and children learning basic swim and water competency skills, use of life jackets around open bodies of water, and emergency preparation with CPR with rescue breaths, will engage our community in water safety for all ages; and

Whereas, during the month of May, the City of Maricopa, led by the Maricopa Fire/Medical Department, in collaboration with the National Drowning Prevention Alliance will engage with our community in water safety for all ages.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Nancy Smith, Mayor of the City of Maricopa, do hereby proclaim the month of May 2023 as **Water Safety Month** and urge all citizens of Maricopa to participate in efforts to reduce the risk of drowning and aquatic injuries.

Dated this 2nd day of May, 2023

Nancy Smith, Mayor