



# Proclamation

## **DROWNING PREVENTION AND AWARENESS SEASON MAY – AUGUST 2024**

**WHEREAS**, in the United States, an average of 3,500 to 4,000 people drown per year, an average of 10 fatal drownings per day. Drowning remains the leading cause of death and disability in California for children under five years of age; and

**WHEREAS**, drowning can occur anywhere there is water. Drowning occurs in lakes and oceans, pools, bathtubs, and even buckets of water; and

**WHEREAS**, for every child who dies from drowning, another seven receive emergency care for non-fatal submersion injuries; and

**WHEREAS**, drowning can be silent and occur in as little as two inches of water. Among infants under 1 year old, two thirds of all drownings occur in bathtubs; and

**WHEREAS**, the themes of this year's water safety campaign "Always Watch the Water" and "Never Swim Alone" gives in-depth information that will be provided by staff on what Orange County residents can do to prevent drowning; and

**WHEREAS**, the initiatives set forth in the "ABCs of Water Safety" program will increase public awareness regarding proper procedures to prevent this needless tragedy.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I**, Chi Charlie Nguyen, Mayor of the City of Westminster, on behalf of Vice Mayor Kimberly Ho, and Council Members Amy Phan West, Carlos Manzo, and NamQuan Nguyen do hereby proclaim the season from May to August 2024 as **DROWNING PREVENTION AND AWARENESS SEASON** and encourage all families, parents, residents, schools, recreational facilities, businesses, and homeowner associations to become partners in preparedness by increasing their knowledge of proper safety measures in drowning prevention.

Signed and Dated this 26<sup>th</sup> day of June 2024 by the City Council.

Chi Charlie Nguyen, Mayor

Kimberly Ho, Vice Mayor, District 3

Amy Phan West, Council Member, District 1

Carlos Manzo, Council Member, District 2

NamQuan Nguyen, Council Member, District 4