



## Proclamation

*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, the Drowning Prevention Coalition of Arizona, in collaboration with Phoenix Children's Hospital, state and local governments, community organizations, and private citizens, will be engaging communities throughout Arizona in a coordinated and comprehensive response.*

*Now, Therefore, I, Cathy Carlat, Mayor of the City of Peoria, Arizona, do hereby proclaim August 2020 as*

***"Drowning Impact Awareness Month"***

*and urge all communities and citizens of Arizona to participate in efforts to reduce drowning risk, strengthen families, and protect children and teens.*

*In Witness Whereof, I have set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Peoria, Arizona to be affixed this 18<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2020.*



*Cathy Carlat*  
Cathy Carlat, Mayor

Attest:

*Rhonda Geriminsky*  
Rhonda Geriminsky, City Clerk