

# PROCLAMATION

## **Water Safety Month- May International Water Safety Day- May 15<sup>th</sup>**

- Whereas,** the City of Oregon City recognizes the vital role that swimming and aquatic related activities contribute to good physical and mental health and enhance the quality of life for all people; and
- Whereas,** the City of Oregon City recognizes the vital importance of water as a valuable resource and acknowledges the inherent risks associated with aquatic environments; and
- Whereas,** every citizen deserves the opportunity to enjoy water-related activities safely, whether swimming, boating, or simply being near bodies of water; and
- Whereas,** the month of May presents an opportune time to heighten awareness of water safety, as warmer weather often leads to increased recreational water activities; and
- Whereas,** nationally, an estimated 11 people die each day from unintentional drowning and drowning is the second leading cause of deaths among child ages one to fourteen; and
- Whereas,** promoting responsible aquatic practices and equipping individuals with the necessary knowledge and skills can significantly reduce the incidence of drownings and other water-related incidents; and
- Whereas,** by fostering a culture of water safety, we reaffirm our commitment to protecting the lives and well-being of our citizens, especially our youth, who are particularly vulnerable to water hazards; and
- Whereas,** the City of Oregon City is dedicated to collaborating with local organizations, schools, and community members to implement effective water safety initiatives and programs; and
- Whereas,** by declaring May as Water Safety Month, we pledge to prioritize water safety awareness and education, empowering individuals to make informed decisions and take appropriate precautions when engaging in water activities.



**Now, Therefore, I**, Denyse C. McGriff, Mayor of Oregon City, along with the City Commission, do hereby proclaim:

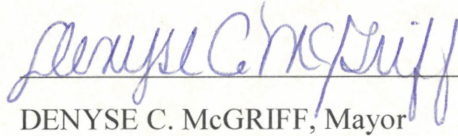
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*And*, urge the residents of our community, and communities across the country, to join in observance.

**In Witness Whereof**, I have hereunto set my hand this 15<sup>th</sup> day of May 2024.

  
DENYSE C. McGRIFF, Mayor

