

***DROWNING IMPACT AWARENESS MONTH***

***WHEREAS***, Drowning Impact Awareness month is a statewide effort to bring attention to the potential consequences of childhood drownings and the simple steps we can all take to prevent them; and

***WHEREAS***, the drowning incidents in Arizona take the lives of the equivalent of a classroom of children each year; and

***WHEREAS***, a child drowning can happen to any family regardless of education, race or socio-economic background; and

***WHEREAS***, Glendale families can take simple steps to protect their children around water to avoid the tragedy of the unnecessary loss of life; and

***WHEREAS***, keeping children safe around water is the mutual goal of Water Watchers at Phoenix Children's Hospital, the Glendale Fire Department and the Glendale Parks and Recreation Aquatics Program; and

***WHEREAS***, water safety remains a priority for all Arizona families, firefighters, lifeguards, water safety instructors and elected officials who work vigorously every year to prevent childhood drownings.

***NOW, THEREFORE, I, Elaine Scruggs, Mayor of the City of Glendale, Arizona, on behalf of the City Council, do hereby proclaim the month of August 2009 as:***

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*and call upon the citizens of Glendale to protect their children around water.*

*In Witness Thereof, I have hereunto set my hand this 11<sup>th</sup> day of August 2009.*