

**PROCLAMATION**

**OF THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF FOLSOM  
PROCLAIMING MAY 2024**

**AS  
NATIONAL WATER SAFETY AND DROWNING PREVENTION MONTH**

**WHEREAS,** Parks and Recreation encourages physical activities by providing safe spaces for popular water activities and learn to swim programs at the Steve Miklos Aquatics Center; and

**WHEREAS,** the Folsom Parks and Recreation Department provides lifeguard services for all public swimming pool usage with certified and licensed lifeguards from Jeff Ellis & Associates International Lifeguard Training with the Steve Miklos Aquatics Center staff receiving Exceeds and Meets criteria in all categories during annual third-party audits with more than 47,000 guests in attendance during the summer season; and

**WHEREAS,** each year, drowning incidents result in hundreds of emergency room visits, including hospital stays and potential life-altering and permanent disabilities of residents and visitors; and

**WHEREAS,** the California Department of Public Health reports that between 2016-2021, 2,559 California residents died from drowning, and 1,168 were hospitalized and 5,854 were treated in an emergency department for non-fatal water events; and

**WHEREAS,** the City of Folsom recommends that parents and those with backyard swimming pools take a CPR and First Aid course with skills and knowledge that can save lives; and

**WHEREAS,** the Folsom Parks and Recreation Department provides more than 1,770 individuals swim lessons conducting more than 390 classes from the Sea Squad Swim School learn to swim program for kids, teens, and adults to proactively educate and make individuals water smart and safe to prevent drownings; and

**WHEREAS,** the Folsom Fire Department responds to emergencies in our rivers, lakes, and open water environments as well as residential and community swimming pools annually and urges residents to educate themselves on home water safety, boater safety and personal watercraft safety to prevent injuries and drownings and to always wear a life jacket; and

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that, I Michael D. Kozlowski, Mayor of the City of Folsom, do hereby proclaim May 2024 as **National Water Safety and Drowning Prevention Month**.

**PROCLAIMED** this 14<sup>th</sup> day of May 2024.

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Michael D. Kozlowski, MAYOR

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