



CITY OF SEBASTOPOL

Proclamation

Proclaiming Declaring May as Drowning Prevention Month

WHEREAS, Swimming and aquatic-related activities play a vital role in helping people to maintain good physical and mental health and enhance the quality of life for all people; and

WHEREAS, Communicating, teaching, learning, and practicing water safety can help prevent accidental drownings and recreational water-related injuries; and

WHEREAS, As we enter the summer months, May is a good time to think about the inherent dangers associated with water, and how we can prevent senseless drownings; and

WHEREAS, Drowning is a leading cause of death among children ages 1-4, and the second leading cause of accidental death for children under 14.; and child water safety researchers say that for every 100 swim lessons taught, a life is saved; and

WHEREAS, One of the most effective ways to prevent drowning is to teach children how to swim; and water safety practices include taking swim lessons; having a buddy system; supervising children; following posted rules; using life jackets, especially for young children or inexperienced swimmers; swimming in designated areas supervised by lifeguards; and using appropriate safety equipment; and; and

WHEREAS, Each year the Sebastopol Rotary Club and volunteers teach area second graders how to swim at Ives Pool to help prevent drownings; and

WHEREAS, it is important that families and individuals of all ages reinforce and abide by water safety rules at private pools, public swimming facilities, or waterparks.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, that I, Mayor Neysa Hinton, on behalf of the Sebastopol City Council do hereby proclaim May 2023 as Drowning Prevention Month and recognize and thank our own Ives Pool in their community programs that teach children and adults to be safe in, on, and around the water.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and the Great Seal of the City of Sebastopol this 2nd day of May 2023.

Neysa Hinton, Mayor