City of Mission Viejo

Proclamation

A Proclamation of the City Council of the City of Mission Viejo
Recognizing May through October, 2016 for
Drowning Prevention and Awareness

WHEREAS, drowning is the leading cause of death and disability in California for children under five years of age, and in 2015 there were five fatal drownings and 35 non-fatal incidents in Orange County; and

WHEREAS, drowning is a major problem for adults 35-64, and as a result there were 21 fatal drownings and five non-fatal incidents in 2015; and

WHEREAS, fatal and non-fatal drowning is a silent event, occurring in as little as two inches of water, and including swimming pools, spas, lakes, the ocean and any other body of water; and

WHEREAS, the themes of this year's water safety campaign are "Always Watch Your Child Around Water" and "Never Swim Alone," in-depth information will be provided by staff on what Orange County residents can do to prevent drowning; and

WHEREAS, the initiatives set forth in the "ABCs of Water Safety" program will increase public awareness regarding proper procedures to prevent this needless tragedy; and

WHEREAS, the Orange County Fire Authority, in collaboration with the Orange County Task Force on Drowning Prevention, will be taking this opportunity to increase public awareness about drownings through a diverse community outreach campaign; and

WHEREAS, the Orange County Fire Authority will launch its 24-week water safety campaign in May and continue through October.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Mission Viejo does hereby proclaim its participation in the "Always Watch Your Child Around Water" and "Never Swim Alone" campaigns—that kick-off in May and continue through October by encouraging all families, parents, residents, schools, recreational facilities, businesses and homeowner associations to become partners in preparedness by increasing their knowledge of proper safety measures in drowning prevention.

May 24, 2016

Frank Ury, Mayor