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**DROWNING PREVENTION MONTH PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS**, Drowning Prevention Month was established through a collaborative effort across the country to promote water safety, and drowning prevention; and

**WHEREAS**, drowning is the second leading cause of childhood accidental death; and

**WHEREAS**, ten people drown each day in the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, each year, near drowning accidents result in life-long disabilities; and

**WHEREAS**, the Warren H. Daugherty Aquatic Center, our community pool, has partnered with Make a Splash Foundation to promote water safety, drowning prevention and provide swim lesson scholarships in the community; and

**WHEREAS**, the month of May, 2020 has been identified as Drowning Prevention Month by the National Drowning Prevention Alliance; and

**WHEREAS**, with temperatures on the rise, more people are heading out to enjoy summer activities, many of which include water and swimming; and

**WHEREAS**, by becoming informed, each of us can enjoy a fun and safe summer.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT I**, Jeffrey D. Gowing, Mayor of the City of Cottage Grove, on behalf of the City Council, do hereby recognize the month of May, 2020 as Drowning Prevention Month and call this observance to the attention of its citizens.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Cottage Grove to be affixed this 27<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2020.



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Jeffrey D. Gowing, Mayor  
City of Cottage Grove, Oregon