



# *City of Sebastopol Proclamation*

## *Proclaiming May 2018 as Drowning Prevention Month*

Whereas, in the United States, drowning is the second leading cause of death among children 0-14, according to the Centers of Disease Control and Prevention; 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, these tragic statistics must be a call to action for our City residents who are parents, caretakers and lifeguards; and

Whereas, together we need to be vigilant and attentive whenever a child is near or in any body of water, because drowning incidents only take seconds; and

Whereas, it is vital for our City residents to be aware of the need for constant adult supervision, swimming lessons and water safety education for our children; and

Whereas, we all can assist in the effort to educate and raise awareness in our community regarding drowning prevention; and

Whereas, homeowners and residential housing with pools should take precautions to ensure that pools and spas are properly secured when not in use and have appropriate safeguards to decrease the possibility of an accidental drowning; 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 the City of Sebastopol City Council does hereby proclaim the month of May 2018 as Drowning Prevention month and encourages all residents to learn to swim and enjoy aquatic activities throughout this and every month; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOVLED**, we urge our City residents, in collaboration with Ives Pool, to raise awareness of drowning as one of our nation's most tragic killers. With the continued efforts of all local agencies, community groups and concerned citizens, we can raise awareness and reduce a potential loss of a life to a family.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Sebastopol to be affixed, this 15<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2018.

  
Patrick Slayter  
Mayor

