## 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 South Lane's Early Learning Center to promote water safety, drowning prevention and provide swim lesson scholarships in the community; and

**WHEREAS**, the month of May, 2022 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, 2022 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 28<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2022.



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