

Proclamation

WHEREAS,

Drowning is the leading cause of accidental death in children ages 1 to 4-years old in the United States, and the second leading cause of accidental death in children ages 5 -14 in the United States; and



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WHEREAS,

all reviewed drowning deaths for children in the State of Georgia were reported as preventable in the most recent Georgia Child Fatality Review Panel Annual Report; and



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WHEREAS,

collaboration among government agencies, non-profit organizations, schools, and community stakeholders is essential to effectively address water safety challenges and promote a culture of safe swimming and recreation; and



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WHEREAS,

learning to swim and understanding water safety practices are crucial life skills that can save lives and prevent tragedies, and promoting proper supervision, barriers, and emergency preparedness can reduce the risk of drowning incidents, especially among children and inexperienced swimmers; and



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WHEREAS,

National Water Safety Month, designated as the month of May, aims to raise awareness about the importance of water safety education and drowning prevention measures; and



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WHEREAS,

the Atlanta Water Safety Coalition seeks to use the platform of National Water Safety Month to elevate opportunities for swim lessons, water safety education, lifeguard training and recruitment, and CPR certification provided by Coalition partners;



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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Fulton County Board of Commissioners recognizes the importance of water safety education as a life skill, urges all residents to become proficient in water safety and drowning prevention, and does hereby proclaim May 2025, as **"WATER SAFETY MONTH"** in Fulton County, Georgia.



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Attest:

Clerk to the Commission

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