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JOHNSON COUNTY

STATE OF TEXAS

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PROCLAMATION

"LIFEGUARD YOUR CHILD"

- WHEREAS, Texas ranks #1 nationally in child pool drownings and drowning is the leading cause of accidental death for children ages 1 to 4. This year, we are asking all parents and caregivers to Lifeguard the children in your life when they are around or in water; and
- WHEREAS, It only takes two seconds for a drowning to occur. It is imperative that adults not be distracted when they are the designated adult watching children near or in water; and
- WHEREAS, The "Lifeguard Your Child Campaign" is an initiative of Cook Children's Medical Center put into place to help prevent further child deaths that has been adopted by the Johnson County Child Fatality Review Team facilitated through the Children's Advocacy Center. "Lifeguard Your Child" is being implemented across Johnson County by first responders. Participating agencies include Alvarado PD, Burleson PD, Keene PD, Joshua Fire Department, Cleburne Fire Department and the Children's Advocacy Center's Child Fatality Review Team that is composed of Texas Department of State Health Services, Johnson County Child Protective Services, Cleburne Fire Department, Cleburne Police Department, Johnson County Sheriff's Office, Burleson Police Department, the Johnson County, County Attorney's Office, Johnson County Juvenile Services, Keene P.D., United Way of Johnson County and the Children's Advocacy Center; and
- WHEREAS, Increased awareness and understanding by the public, pool supply companies/builders, public swimming locations and policymakers will aid in the prevention of further child deaths in Johnson County from drowning; and
- WHEREAS, Our children need to be protected by caring adults and have their safety ensured; and
- WHEREAS, The "Lifeguard Your Child" campaign is being implemented to provide critical education and visual reminders that when you wear the bracelet for the campaign, you are to avoid all distractions during your watch over children in or near water. You shall designate another adult to take over the watch and wear the bracelet if you must step away or take your attention away from children under your watch.

It is for this cause that the above named agencies have joined together to advocate for drowning prevention, education, awareness and support for the communities of Johnson County, Texas.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT I, Roger Harmon, County Judge of Johnson County, and we the Commissioners of the four precincts in Johnson County, Texas, do hereby proclaim the month of May 2018 as:

"LIFEGUARD YOUR CHILD"

and urge all citizens to support the effort to prevent further needless child deaths from drowning.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereto set my hand and cause the Seal of Johnson County, Texas to be affixed on this, the 11th day of May, 2018.

Roger Harmon, Johnson County Judge

Rick Bailey, Commissioner Pct. #1

Jerry D. Stringer, Commissioner Pct. #3

ATTEST: Becky Ivey, County Clerk

Kenny Howell, Commissioner Pct. #2

Larry Woolley, Commissioner Pct. #4



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