

**DROWNING IMPACT AWARENESS MONTH
AUGUST 2008**

WHEREAS, Drowning Impact Awareness month will raise awareness that the number and impact of child drownings in Arizona affects everyone; and

WHEREAS, the drowning incidents in Arizona take the lives of the equivalent of a classroom of children each year; and

WHEREAS, a child drowning can happen to any family regardless of education, race or socio-economic background; and

WHEREAS, families can take simple steps to protect their children around water to avoid the tragedy of the unnecessary loss of life; and

WHEREAS, water safety remains a priority for Arizona families, communities, and government, and Water Watchers at Phoenix Children's Hospital; and

WHEREAS, keeping children healthy and safe is the goal of Water Watchers at Phoenix Children's Hospital, Fire Departments and other prevention institutions in Arizona, raising awareness will increase understanding and education of effective ways to prevent drownings.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Phil Gordon, MAYOR of the City of Phoenix, Arizona, do hereby proclaim August 1 through 31, 2008 as DROWING IMPACT AWARENESS MONTH in the City of Phoenix.

Given under my hand in these free United States in the City of Phoenix, on the First day of August, Two Thousand Eight, and to which I have caused the Seal of the City of Phoenix to be affixed and have made this proclamation public.

Mayor

Attest:

City Clerk