

Proclamation

NATIONAL WATER SAFETY MONTH – MAY 2026

WHEREAS, National Water Safety Month takes place annually each May, and is proclaimed as a joint effort of the American Red Cross, the National Drowning & Prevention Alliance, the National Recreation & Parks Association, the World Waterpark Association and the Pool & Hot Tub Alliance; and

WHEREAS, this observance recognizes the popularity of swimming and other water-related recreational activities in the United States and the resulting need for ongoing public education on safer water practices, including swim lessons, the buddy system, adult supervision, following the posted rules and always being water aware; and

WHEREAS, every year in the United States there are over 4,000 unintentional drowning deaths. More children aged one to four years old die from drowning than any other cause of death and drowning is the second leading cause of unintentional injury death for children aged five to fourteen; and

WHEREAS, certified lifeguards play an essential role in drowning prevention and response, staying alert, vigilant and attentive so that others can have fun in the water; and

WHEREAS, there are things that all of us can do to help prevent drowning, such as learning how to swim, learning CPR, supervising children near the water, avoiding alcohol when around water and using safety equipment such as lifejackets when needed; and

WHEREAS, discussing water safety and learning water safety skills are key activities in preventing drowning deaths and maintaining safe recreational use of pools, water parks, beaches and lakes for people of all ages, backgrounds and abilities; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, that I, Betsy Nash, Mayor of the City of Menlo Park, on behalf of the City Council and City, do hereby proclaim and celebrate May 2026 as National Water Safety Month in Menlo Park.

Betsy Nash, Mayor
May 19, 2026