

## ~ PROCLAMATION ~

WHEREAS, the citizens of the Washougal recognize the vital role that swimming and aquatic-related activities contribute to good physical and mental health and enhance the quality of life for all people; and

WHEREAS, the City of Washougal is a thriving, cohesive community that values and stewards its parks, open spaces, and natural bodies of water; and

WHEREAS, the Washougal community enjoys access and recreational activities in and around multiple bodies of water, including Lacamas Lake, Lacamas Creek, Round Lake, Fallen Leaf Lake, Washougal River, Columbia River and along small streams; and

WHEREAS, the City of Washougal is aware of the contributions made by the recreational water industry to provide programs and healthy places to recreate, learn and grow, build self-esteem, confidence and sense of self-worth, which contributes to the quality of life in our community; and

WHEREAS, nationally an estimated 11 people die each day from unintentional drowning; and

WHEREAS, drowning is the second leading cause of deaths among children ages one to fourteen; and

WHEREAS, it is understood that Water Safety education plays an essential part in preventing drowning and recreational water-related injuries; and

WHEREAS it is vitally important to communicate information about Water Safety rules and programs to families and individuals of all ages, including private pool owners, or visitors to public facilities, lakes, rivers, and waterparks;

NOW THEREFORE, I, David Stuebe, Mayor of the City of Washougal, do hereby proclaim May 2023, as:

### ***“Water Safety Month”***

in the City of Washougal and encourage all citizens to join in this observance.



In witness whereof, I have set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Washougal to be affixed this 24th day of April 2023.



David Stuebe, Mayor