

PROCLAMATION City of Manassas Park

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

WHEREAS, the citizens of City of Manassas Park understand the essential role that education regarding the topic of Water Safety plays in preventing drowning and recreational water-related injuries; and

WHEREAS, the City of Manassas Park is aware of the contributions made by the recreational water industry, as represented by the organizations involved in the National Water Safety Month Coalition in developing safe swimming facilities, aquatic programs, home pools and spas, and related activities providing 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, the citizens of City of Manassas Park recognize the ongoing efforts and commitments to educate the public on pool and spa safety issues and initiatives by the pool, spa, waterpark, recreation and parks industries; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of City of Manassas Park understand the vital importance of communicating Water Safety rules and programs to families and individuals of all ages, whether owners of private pools, users of public swimming facilities, or visitors to waterparks;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Frank Jones of the City of Manassas Park do hereby declare the Month of May, as NATIONAL WATER SAFETY MONTH and do urge all those in the City of Manassas Park to support and promote this observance.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set and caused the seal of the City of Manassas Park of be affixed a Manassas Park on this 4th day of May, 2010.

Frank Jones Mayor

Lana A. Conner, City Clerk

Parks and Recreation Catherine Morretta/ 703.335.8871 April 14, 2010 Water proclamation.doc

Governing Body Consent Agenda May 4, 2010

Subject: Proclamation: National Water Safety Month

Issue: Proclaim May as National Water Safety Month in the City of Manassas Park

Background:

• The Parks and Recreation Department operate two significant aquatic facilities; one natatorium and one outdoor water park.

Discussion:

- The Aquatics division plays a vital role in advocating for the health and safety of pool users and recognizes their vital role in education the general public regarding water safety and drowning prevention.
- The Department believes that aquatic recreational opportunities provides valuable building blocks for health and wellness as well as enhances the quality of life for the citizens of Manassas Park.
- Structured and unstructured recreational pursuits contribute to reducing juvenile crime, childhood obesity, and gang activity among our youth.

Recommendation:

- Proclaim May as National Water Safety Month.
- Pros: Raises awareness and reinforces water safety initiates in effort to prevent accidents/injuries on/around/near water.
- Cons: N/A
- Cost:

Alternatives:

Do not recognize May as National Water Safety Month.

Coordination:

- Parks and Recreation Department
- City Manager

Attachments:

• A: Proclamation

City Business License:	YES	NO	Not Applicable
Prepared by: <u>Catherine Morretta</u>			Date <u>4/14/10</u>
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Approved by City Attorney:			Date
Approved by City Manager:			Date



CERTIFICATE of RECOGNITION

FOSTER CARE MONTH

WHEREAS, the family is our most important resource for providing Virginia's children with love, dignity and self-determination; and

WHEREAS, every child in our great Commonwealth requires parental love and guidance and the security a family can provide; and

WHEREAS, there are approximately 7,500 children and youth in foster care in our great Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, foster parents provide the children of Virginia with opportunities to be part of a caring family and help them reconnect with their families or prepare for adoption; and

WHEREAS, through the partnerships among foster parents, child welfare staff, and public and private organizations, the foster care program of Virginia nurtures and protects children while they are in care, and enhances their development as unique individuals as they mature and grow toward healthy adulthood; and

WHEREAS, foster care in the City of Manassas Park provides temporary, safe and supportive families for our younger and most vulnerable citizens when their own families are in turmoil; and

WHEREAS, the City of Manassas Park currently is working with three (3) families with children in care;

NOW, THEREFORE, the City of Manassas Park Governing Body does hereby recognize May 2010 as **FOSTER CARE MONTH** in the City of Manassas Park, and urge all citizens to offer their talents and energies on behalf of children in foster care during this month and throughout the year.

Frank Jones, Mayor

Lana A. Conner, City Clerk



CERTIFICATE of RECOGNITION

ADULT ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH

WHEREAS, more than one million Virginians are currently over the age of sixty, and the population of older Virginians will increase to more than two million, one quarter of Virginia's population, in the next two decades; and

WHEREAS, during fiscal year 2009 Virginia Adult Protective Services received over 15,600 reports of adult abuse, neglect, and exploitation; and

WHEREAS, older and disabled Virginians may be targets for abuse, which can occur in families and communities of all social, economic, racial and ethnic backgrounds; and

WHEREAS, in order to reduce the incidence of adult abuse in Virginia, there exists a number of adult abuse prevention programs statewide that provide vital services to older and disabled Virginians including 24-hour hotlines, crisis intervention, emergency shelter, home-based and community services, public education, and legal advocacy; and

WHEREAS, Adult Abuse Prevention Month offers all Virginians the opportunity to remember victims of adult abuse and their families, to promote the programs and organizations that serve them, and to participate in community efforts to improve the safety and well-being of all people throughout our Commonwealth; and

NOW, THEREFORE, the City of Manassas Park Governing Body does hereby recognize May 2010 as ADULT ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH in the City of Manassas Park, and I call this observance to the attention of all our citizens.

Frank Jones, Mayor

Lana A. Conner, City Clerk