



AGENDA REPORT
April 24, 2018

SUBJECT:

Resolution: Proclaiming the month of May 2018 as Water Safety and Drowning Prevention month.

DEPT/OFFICE:

District 2

REQUESTED ACTION:

It is requested that the Board of County Commissioners adopt a resolution proclaiming the month of May 2018 as Water Safety and Drowning Prevention Month.

SUMMARY EXPLANATION and BACKGROUND:

Accepting the resolution: James Underwood, Rear Admiral, U.S. Coast Guard (Ret), Josh the Otter, and CWO David Lodomirak, Commanding Officer- U.S. Coast Guard Port Canaveral.

CLERK TO THE BOARD INSTRUCTIONS:

Framed

ATTACHMENTS:

Description

- **Water Safety & Drowning Prevention Resolution**



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April 25, 2018

MEMORANDUM

TO: Commissioner Jim Barfield, District 2 Attn: Bridget Minnick

RE: Item I.C., Resolution Proclaiming May 2018 as Water Safety and Drowning Prevention Month

The Board of County Commissioners, in regular session on April 24, 2018, adopted Resolution No. 18-052, proclaiming May 2018 as Water Safety and Drowning Prevention Month. Enclosed is a copy of the Resolution.

Your continued cooperation is always appreciated.

Sincerely,

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
SCOTT ELLIS, CLERK

Tammy Rowe

Tammy Rowe, Deputy Clerk

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Encl. (1)

Brevard



County

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Resolution

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WHEREAS, "Josh the Otter" Water Safety Awareness projects were first conducted throughout Brevard County by Rotary Club members, and are now done in over 40 States to promote water safety awareness; and

WHEREAS, Swim Safe Forever educates our community about layers of protection necessary to prevent drowning and provides access to survival swim instruction through scholarships; and

WHEREAS, The Florida Department of Health in Brevard County recognizes that drowning is 100% preventable and promotes public awareness through educational outreach.

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WATER SAFETY AND DROWNING PREVENTION MONTH

and urges all residents and visitors to recognize the vital importance of water safety and drowning prevention education.

DONE, ORDERED, AND ADOPTED in regular session, this 24th day of April, 2018.

ATTEST:

Scott Ellis
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Rita Pritchett

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BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
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