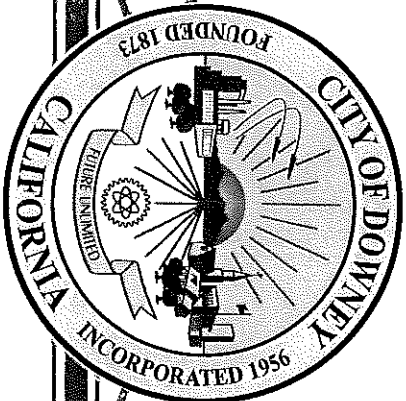


# CITY OF DOWNEY



## Proclamation

*Honoring*

*Pool Safety Week*

WHEREAS, in the United States, nearly 300 children younger than five drown in swimming pools and spas each year, and an additional 4,000 in that age group go to the hospital emergency rooms due to non-fatal submersion injuries; and

WHEREAS, the majority of deaths and injuries in pools and spas involve children ages 1-2, and occur in residential settings and an unknown number of these hospitalizations result in permanent disability, including brain damage; and

WHEREAS, these deaths and injuries are preventable; and

WHEREAS, public participation in the campaign helps spread the campaign's message to parents and families and helps prevent future tragedies; and

WHEREAS, the City of Downey offers swimming classes and programs through the Parks and Recreation Department throughout the year so families and individuals may learn how to safely enjoy swimming and water activities at home and at public facilities; and

WHEREAS, the City of Downey supports the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, *Pool Safety* campaign.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Fernando Vasquez, Mayor of the City of Downey, do hereby proclaim **July 14-20, 2014**, as *Pool Safety Week*, and along with the International Code of Council and the Association of Pool and Spa Professionals urge fellow citizens to recognize that simple water safety steps should be used year-round in pools, spas, indoor water parks and aquatic facilities to ensure the safety of everyone.

PROCLAIMED this 8<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2014

Fernando Vasquez  
Mayor

