

City of Boynton Beach

Proclamation

WHEREAS, the number one cause of drowning in both Palm Beach County and the U.S. is unsupervised water activity. Lifeguards play an invaluable role in drowning prevention and water safety through their specialized training to identify persons in distress in the water and provide first responder help.

WHEREAS, most drownings occur at unguarded sites, according to the Center for Disease Control (CDC) Injury Center. If a lifeguard is present, the chance of drowning at a beach is less than one in 18 million per year, as reported by the United States Lifesaving Association (USLA).

WHEREAS, lifeguard surveillance is essential to a swimming facility's risk management program. By enforcing the rules and monitoring patrons, action can be taken to prevent or minimize aquatic injuries.

WHEREAS, lifeguards certified as Water Safety Instructors are trained to provide comprehensive swim instruction to all age groups. Participating in formal swim lessons reduces the risk of drowning among children aged 1 to 4 years, the population with the highest drowning rates.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Steven B. Grant, Mayor of the City of Boynton Beach, Florida, do hereby proclaim the 21st day of June Two Thousand Nineteen as:

Lifeguard Appreciation Day

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and cause the Seal of the City of Boynton Beach, Florida, to be affixed at Boynton Beach Florida, the 18th day of June Two Thousand Nineteen.

Steven B. Grant, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Deputy City Clerk