



## **PROCLAMATION 23-03**

### **WATER SAFETY MONTH**

**WHEREAS**, Texas is a leading state for child pool drownings and drowning is the leading cause of accidental death for children ages 1 to 4 across the nation; and

**WHEREAS**, it only takes seconds for a drowning to occur. It is imperative that adults not be distracted when they are the designated adult watching children near or in water; and

**WHEREAS**, our children need to be protected by caring adults and have their safety ensured; we ask all parents and caregivers to Lifeguard Your Child™ when they are near or in water; and

**WHEREAS**, The Lifeguard Your Child Campaign™ is an initiative of Safe Kids North Texas led by Cook Children's Health Care System, put into place to help prevent further child injury and death that has been adopted by the Town of Annetta. Lifeguard Your Child™ is being implemented across the Town of Annetta by first responders. Participating local agencies include the Town of Annetta; and

**WHEREAS**, the goal of increased awareness and understanding by caregivers, policy makers and the public at large regarding the possible dangers around all water environments; will aid in the prevention of further child deaths in the Town of Annetta from drowning; and

**WHEREAS**, engaging the Town of Annetta as a partner with Safe Kids North Texas in The Lifeguard Your Child™ regional campaign; increases the reach of this year-round effort to provide ongoing education and awareness to protect children from drowning by implementing strategies such as Water Watcher tag use, pre-school education, pool ordinance updates, US Coast Guard Approved life jacket use, access to water safety lessons, and other layers of protection.

It is for this cause that the above named agencies have joined together to advocate for drowning prevention, education, awareness and support for the communities of Annetta, Texas.

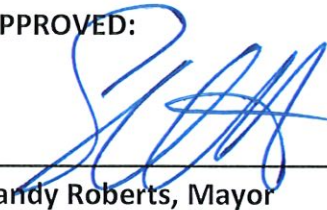
**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT I**, Sandy Roberts, Mayor and we the Town of Annetta, Texas, do hereby proclaim May 2023 as:

# LIFEGUARD YOUR CHILD™ MONTH

and urge all citizens to support the effort to prevent further needless child deaths from drowning.

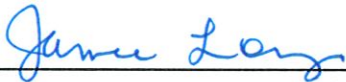
IN WITNESS THEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the seal of the TOWN OF ANNETTA, this 20<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2023.

APPROVED:



Sandy Roberts, Mayor

ATTEST:



Jamee Long, City Secretary/Administrator

