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To Recognize May as Water Safety Month in Columbus, Ohio

**WHEREAS**, May is National Water Safety Awareness Month, a joint public awareness and safety campaign led by the American Red Cross, The Association of Pool & Spa Professionals, the National Recreation and Park Association and the World Waterpark Association.

**WHEREAS**, The American Red Cross Ohio Buckeye Region has provided the Columbus community with safety and comfort through disaster recovery along with emergency preparedness services for nearly 100 years; and

**WHEREAS**, The American Red Cross Ohio Buckeye Region is the local organizer of Water Safety Awareness Month, promoting many water safety guidelines such as: making water safety a priority, preventing unsupervised access to water, maintaining constant supervision, knowing what to do in an emergency, and choosing a safe place to swim; and

**WHEREAS**, This Council remembers the tragic events of February 7, 2013 which culminated in the loss of Elijah Walker, a five year old boy who fell through the icy water near his home, and James Russell Jenkins, a hero, who attempted to rescue Elijah; and

**WHEREAS**, First responders, Sergeant Christopher Smith Hughes, Officer Logan Ramsier, and Firefighter John Vingle also acted valiantly on that day; and

**WHEREAS**, The City of Columbus responded to this tragedy by equipping every Columbus Division of Police frontline cruiser with live-saving ropes; and

**WHEREAS**, This Council recognizes the actions of James Russell Jenkins, Columbus Police Officers Smith Hughes and Ramsier, and Firefighters such as John Vingle as brave and courageous, and will regard this misfortune as motivation for

all of our citizens to educate themselves on water safety.

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS:**

That this Council does hereby declare May of 2015 as Water Safety Month and encourages all citizens to learn more about the tremendous dangers manmade and natural bodies of water pose during all months of the year and to enjoy them responsibly by making themselves aware of water safety protocol.