

Proclamation

WHEREAS; the beautiful coastal and inland beaches of Charleston represent a world of renowned recreational resources; and

WHEREAS; Charlestonians and visitors alike are drawn to these beaches by the millions each year for water and beach activities; and

WHEREAS; the aquatic environment has dangers that can be effectively managed through public awareness and the vigilance of professional lifeguards; and

WHEREAS; the City of Isle of Palms encourages its youth to develop strong swimming skills for safe enjoyment of the island's water resources; and

WHEREAS; the City recognizes that the community's swim team – The Wild Dunes Dolphins – is celebrating 25 years of promoting a love and respect for the water by our youth; and

WHEREAS; for reasons of public safety, an annual reminder of the joys and hazards associated with the aquatic environment are appropriate at the commencement of the busy summer beach season; and

WHEREAS; Charlestonians and visitors alike must remember to **Never Swim Alone, Never Drink Alcohol Before Swimming, Respect the Power of the Surf, and Learn to Swim;**

THEREFORE, I Dick Cronin, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Isle of Palms, hereby proclaim May 23-30, 2011 as:

National Beach Safety Week

In the City of Isle of Palms and urge all residents using our beaches to enjoy themselves at the beach this year while taking appropriate measures to protect themselves and their children and furthermore expresses support for community swim teams in their missions to foster a love and respect for our water resources through swimming skills.