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PROCLAIM APRIL 2017 AS WATER AWARENESS MONTH

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Purpose and Recommended Action

This is a request for City Council to proclaim April 2017 as Water Awareness Month. This proclamation will be accepted by Ms. Melody Hodges, a Gifted Resource Teacher at Barcelona Middle School; Ms. Suzanne Schmit, a Gifted Resource Teacher at Barcelona Middle School; and Ms. Kristy Strickland, a Fourth Grade Teacher at Desert Mirage Elementary School. These three educators are actively involved in the City's "Water Watchers" education program. Managed by the Water Services Department, this STEM-based (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) program provides free curriculum, resource materials, and in-class presentations to Glendale area schools.

Background

April is Water Awareness Month in Arizona, a time to stress the importance of water conservation in our arid climate. The first Water Awareness Month was proclaimed in April 2008 to protect one of Arizona's most precious resources. The purpose of the statewide Water Awareness Month campaign is to help residents and businesses practice a water efficient lifestyle through community education, action, and celebration.

The Arizona Department of Water Resources is partnering with Arizona cities and other water providers to promote water awareness, conservation, and efficiency. At the center of the initiative is an interactive website (see <http://www.waterawarenessmonth.com/>) serving as a portal for water-saving tips, classes, and community events.

The Glendale Water Services Department is offering a variety of programs to promote Water Awareness Month, including free Arizona-friendly landscape classes at the Glendale Main Library on April 9 and 26.

Community Benefit/Public Involvement

Proclaiming April as Water Awareness month benefits the city and the community by highlighting the importance of water in our daily lives and encouraging all residents to be good stewards of Arizona's water resources.