



Proclamation
Presented to
U.S. Masters Swimming

WHEREAS, U.S. Masters Swimming (USMS) is a 501 (c)(3) nonprofit organization that represents 60,000 USMS adult members who swim with its more than 1,000 local adult swim programs across the country; and

WHEREAS, The Centers for Disease Control estimates that 37 percent of American adults could not save themselves if they fell in water over their heads; with the inability to swim affecting people's lives in a broad spectrum of ways with direct negative implications on American's quality of life; and

WHEREAS, adult drowning is a problem we can solve - teaching adults to swim is the central cause of the Swimming Saves Lives Foundation, the charitable arm of USMS, and its foundation partners; and

WHEREAS, The Swimming Saves Lives Foundation makes grants and resources available to adult swimming programs in Hawai'i so that they may teach potentially hundreds of adults who might not otherwise have the opportunity; and

WHEREAS, the grants and resources are privately provided by the charitable and generous contributions of 60,000 USMS members and supporters; and

WHEREAS, April is the ideal month for this designation as pools and other bodies of water open for the spring and summer seasons; and

WHEREAS, April is being nationally recognized as Adult Learn to Swim Month, and with the help of state governments throughout our great nation highlighting this lifesaving effort, the commendable goal of making water available for fun, fitness and health to our fellow non-swimming neighbors can be attained;

THEREFORE I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor, and I, SHAN S. TSUTSUI, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim April, 2015 as

"ADULT LEARN TO SWIM MONTH"

in Hawai'i, and ask all citizens of the Aloha State to join us in supporting adult swimming programs so that the beauty of Hawai'i's waters may be enjoyed by all.

DONE at the State Capitol, in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, on this seventh day of April 2015.



DAVID Y. IGE
Governor, State of Hawai'i



SHAN S. TSUTSUI
Lt. Governor, State of Hawai'i