

*Proclamation*  
*Presented to*

**ADULT LEARN TO SWIM MONTH**

**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 1,500 local adult swim programs across the country; and

**WHEREAS**, the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) estimates that 37 percent of adults in the United States cannot save themselves if they fell in water over their heads; and

**WHEREAS**, the inability to swim affects people's lives in a broad spectrum of ways with direct negative implications on quality of life, and drowning is a problem that can be solved; and

**WHEREAS**, teaching adults to swim is the central cause of the Swimming Saves Lives Foundation, the charitable arm of the USMS; and

**WHEREAS**, the Swimming Saves Lives Foundation makes available grants and resources to swimming programs in Hawai'i so that they can 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 USMS members and supporters; and


**WHEREAS**, April is the ideal month for this recognition as pools and other bodies of water throughout the United States open for the spring and summer seasons;


**THEREFORE, I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor, and I, SHAN S. TSUTSUI, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim April 2016 as**

**"ADULT LEARN TO SWIM MONTH"**

in Hawai'i and encourage adults of the Aloha State to learn how to swim, making water available for fun, fitness and health.

**DONE** at the State Capitol, in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, on this first day of April 2016.

  
DAVID Y. IGE  
Governor, State of Hawai'i

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