



Proclamation

WHEREAS, National Water Safety Month is an annual awareness campaign coordinated by the Association of Pool & Spa Professionals with support from the National Recreation & Parks Association, the American Red Cross and the World Waterpark Association; and

WHEREAS, these organizations help develop safe swimming facilities, home pools and spas, aquatic programs and related activities that provide healthy places to play, learn, and grow; and

WHEREAS, residents of Hawai'i, the only island state in our nation, are surrounded by beautiful beaches and moderate weather year-round and recognize the vital role of swimming and aquatic-related activities in maintaining good physical and mental health; and

WHEREAS, water safety education reinforces the importance of safe swimming to prevent drownings and recreational water-related injuries in all types of swimming environments such as private pools, public facilities, beaches, and waterparks; and

WHEREAS, being "water aware" means using water safety practices that include taking swim lessons; having a buddy system; supervising children; following posted rules; using life jackets, especially for young children or inexperienced swimmers; swimming in designated areas supervised by lifeguards; using appropriate safety equipment; being alert to ocean conditions; and avoiding alcohol use while swimming or boating to reduce accidents;

THEREFORE I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor, and I, JOSHUA B. GREEN, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim May 2019 as

"WATER SAFETY MONTH"

in Hawai'i and ask the people of the Aloha State to join us in being "water aware" when near any swimming environment and educating themselves and others about water safety.

Done at the State Capitol, in Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this twenty-second day of April 2019.



JOSHUA B. GREEN
Lieutenant Governor, State of Hawai'i



DAVID Y. IGE
Governor, State of Hawai'i