



# *Proclamation*

**WHEREAS**, swimming and aquatic-related activities promote good physical and mental health and enhance the quality of life for all people; and

**WHEREAS**, communicating, teaching, learning and practicing water safety can help prevent accidental drownings and recreational water-related injuries; and

**WHEREAS**, water safety practices 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; and using appropriate safety equipment; and

**WHEREAS**, the recreational water industry, as represented by the organizations in the National Water Safety Month Coalition, contribute toward water safety for the public with the development of safe swimming facilities, home pools and spas; educational and aquatic programs; public service announcements; and distribution of resources on water safety; and

**WHEREAS**, it is important that families and individuals of all ages reinforce and abide by water safety rules at private pools, public swimming facilities, or waterparks;

**THEREFORE I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor of the State of Hawai'i**, do hereby proclaim May 2021 as

## **“WATER SAFETY MONTH”**

in Hawai'i and ask the people of the Aloha State to join me in recognizing the commitment and ongoing efforts by the pool, spa, waterpark, recreation and parks industries to educate the public on water safety and encourage everyone to be water safe.

Done at the State Capitol in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this third day of April 2021.

  
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DAVID Y. IGE  
Governor, State of Hawai'i