

# *Proclamation*

**WHEREAS**, swimming and aquatic-related activities play a vital role in helping people to maintain 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**, contributions by the recreational water industry, as represented by the organizations in the National Water Safety Month Coalition, include developing safe swimming facilities, aquatic programs, home pools and spas, and related activities that provide healthy places to recreate, learn and grow, and build self-esteem, confidence and a sense of self-worth, all which contribute to the quality of life in our community; and

**WHEREAS**, the citizens of Hawai'i understand the vital importance of communicating water safety rules and programs to families and individuals of all ages, whether owners of private pools, users of public swimming facilities, or visitors to waterparks; and


**WHEREAS**, Water Safety Month in Hawai'i is an opportunity to promote water safety and provide education on prevention of recreational water-related injuries, illnesses and deaths.

**THEREFORE I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor of the State of Hawai'i**, do hereby proclaim May 2022 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, and the 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 twelfth day of April 2022.

  
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DAVID Y. IGE  
Governor, State of Hawai'i