

STATE OF ALASKA



Executive Proclamation by Governor Mike Dunleavy

WHEREAS, Alaska is renowned for the beautiful lakes, rivers, and thousands of miles of coastline that provide Alaskans and visitors alike a wide variety of water-related activities to enjoy as part of the unique outdoor experience that life in the Last Frontier offers; and

WHEREAS, aquatic-related activities such as boating, fishing, swimming, and surfing increase physical and mental health, and studies have shown that those who live near water lead happier lives; and

WHEREAS, water safety education is a vital tool in preventing drownings and water-related accidents, and constant vigilance when recreating around water is necessary to maintain the safety of people of all ages and abilities; and

WHEREAS, swimming facilities and aquatic programs provide safe places to develop or strengthen swimming skills that enable Alaskans to enjoy the great outdoors to the fullest extent; and

WHEREAS, we must recognize the importance of following water safety rules for the protection of all Alaskans, whether utilizing a public or private pool, or enjoying one of the bodies of water that surround many Alaskan communities; and

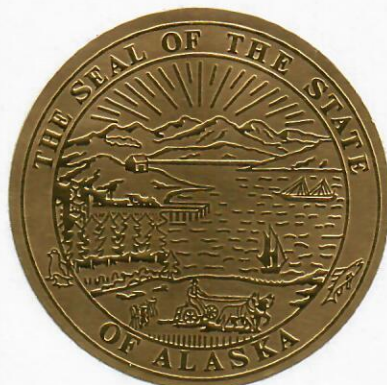
WHEREAS, it is crucial to communicate water safety rules to families and individuals of all ages, and to respect the water and set a good example for others while swimming or using water-related recreational gear like kayaks, canoes, jet skis, or motorized boats.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Mike Dunleavy, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF ALASKA, do hereby proclaim May 2024 as:

Water Safety Month

in Alaska and encourage all Alaskans to educate themselves and our youth on techniques to safely enjoy aquatic-related activities, and to observe safety precautions when around water.

Dated: May 1, 2024



A blue ink signature of Mike Dunleavy.

*Mike Dunleavy, Governor
who has also authorized the
seal of the State of Alaska to
be affixed to this proclamation.*