

STATE OF TEXAS OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

With summer on the horizon, our focus turns to the many water activities the Lone Star State offers residents and visitors alike. From swimming and boating to pools and water parks, our state is home to exceptional opportunities to enjoy a summer on the water. With so many activities to choose from, we must keep water safety at top of mind.

It is essential that young Texans learn about water safety, as nearly one thousand children drown every year. As we prepare for summertime water activities, we should also educate ourselves about water safety to prevent water-related injuries and drownings. Swimming lessons and knowledge of water safety rules can prevent adverse outcomes, allowing families to enjoy the beautiful Texas lakes, rivers, and oceanfront.

Each year, the month of May is set aside to highlight the importance of water safety and awareness through public service announcements, educational materials, and classes for all ages.

At this time, I encourage all Texans to educate themselves about water safety and to promote safe swimming. By putting safety first and remaining vigilant, we can enjoy the many benefits of outdoor water activities with family and friends.

Therefore, I, Greg Abbott, Governor of Texas, do hereby proclaim May 2024 to be

Water Safety Month



in Texas and urge all Texans to observe the occasion with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto affixed my signature this the 8th day of April, 2024.

Governor of Texas