

STATE OF ALASKA



Executive Proclamation by *Governor Mike Dunleavy*

WHEREAS, Alaska is renowned for its beautiful lakes, rivers, and thousands of miles of coastline, all providing a wide variety of water-related activities for Alaskans and visitors to enjoy the unique outdoor opportunities life in the Last Frontier provides; and

WHEREAS, residents and visitors enjoy activities including boating, fishing, swimming, and even surfing. Studies have shown that those who live near water live happier lives and aquatic-related activities promote increased physical and mental health; and

WHEREAS, water-safety education plays an essential role in preventing drownings and recreational water-related injuries, and constant vigilance when recreating around water is essential for people of all ages and abilities; and

WHEREAS, swimming facilities and aquatic programs provide healthy places to develop or strengthen swimming skills, which enable Alaskans to safely enjoy the great outdoors; and

WHEREAS, following water safety rules is important 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 vital to understand the importance of communicating water safety rules to families and individuals of all ages, and to always set a good example for others while utilizing pools, swimming in a lake or river, or while using other 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 2022 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, 2022



A blue ink signature of Mike Dunleavy, Governor of Alaska.

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