

STATE OF ARKANSAS

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

PROCLAMATION

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME - GREETINGS:

WHEREAS: May is National Water Safety month;

WHEREAS: Swimming and aquatic-related activities provide opportunities for recreation, learning, and exercising, as well as for building self esteem, confidence, and a sense of self-worth, which all contribute to the quality of life in our communities and directly affect physical and mental health;

WHEREAS: In Arkansas, drowning is a leading cause of injury-related death among children under the age of five years and, each year, near drowning accidents result in life-long disabilities;

WHEREAS: Drowning Prevention Month was established through a collaborative effort across the country to promote water safety, aquatic safety, and drowning prevention; and

WHEREAS: With temperatures on the rise more people are heading out to enjoy summer activities, many of which include being on the water and swimming. By being informed, Arkansas citizens can enjoy a fun-filled and safe summer.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, SARAH HUCKABEE SANDERS, Governor of the State of Arkansas, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the laws of the State of Arkansas, do hereby proclaim May 2025, as

"WATER SAFETY MONTH"

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Arkansas to be affixed this 28th day of April, in the year of our Lord 2025.



Sarah Huckabee Sanders, Governor



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Cole Jester, Secretary of State