



PROCLAMATION

NATIONAL WATER SAFETY MONTH

May 2025

WHEREAS, citizens of Northern Mariana Islands recognize the vital role that swimming and aquatic-related activities relate to good physical and mental health and enhance the quality of life for all people; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of Northern Mariana Islands understand the essential role that education regarding the topic of Water Safety plays in preventing drownings and recreational water-related injuries; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of Northern Mariana Islands are aware of the contributions made by the recreational water industry, as represented by the organizations involved in the National Water Safety Month Coalition in developing safe swimming facilities, aquatic programs, home pools and spas, and related activities providing healthy places to recreate, learn and grow, build self-esteem, confidence and sense of self-worth which contributes to the quality of life in our community; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of Northern Mariana Islands recognize the ongoing efforts and commitments to educate the public on pool and spa safety issues and initiatives by the pool, spa, waterpark, recreation and parks industries; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of Northern Mariana Islands 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;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ARNOLD I. PALACIOS, Governor of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, and **I, DAVID M. APATANG**, Lt. Governor of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands by virtue of the authority vested in us by the Constitution and Laws of the Commonwealth, do hereby proclaim **May 2025** as

NATIONAL WATER SAFETY MONTH

We encourage all residents, families, schools, community organizations, and businesses to take part in this important observance. Together, let us promote water safety awareness, support access to swimming and safety education, and encourage practices that help prevent water-related accidents. By fostering a culture of responsibility and preparedness, we can ensure safe and enjoyable aquatic experiences for all in our islands—today and for future generations.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hands on this **27th** day of May 2025.

A blue ink signature of Arnold I. Palacios, written in a cursive style, positioned above his name and title.

ARNOLD I. PALACIOS
Governor

A blue ink signature of David M. Apatang, written in a cursive style, positioned above his name and title.

DAVID M. APATANG
Lieutenant Governor