



Proclamation

WHEREAS, swimming and aquatic-related activities relate to good physical and mental health and enhance the quality of life for all people; and

WHEREAS, the American Red Cross, the National Recreation & Park Association, the Pool & Hot Tub Alliance, and the World Waterpark Association have worked in unison to launch a joint campaign designed to promote water safety education and awareness at the start of the summer swimming season; and

WHEREAS, the goal of this partnership is to fulfill the need to educate people of all ages and groups on water safety practices and the prevention of recreational water-related injuries, illnesses, and deaths; and

WHEREAS, these organizations represent businesses, individuals, and agencies involved in bringing safe, enjoyable aquatic activities to the public; and

WHEREAS, these initiatives contribute immeasurably to the quality of life across our communities in Hawai'i - from crystal-clear community pools and serene backyard spas to splash-filled programs that ripple with learning and joy; and

WHEREAS, their group efforts have created vibrant, water-rich spaces where individuals of all ages can dive into recreation, float toward growth, and swim in self-confidence - nurturing self-esteem, buoying a sense of worth, and supporting healthy lifestyles;

NOW, THEREFORE I, Josh Green, M.D., Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim the month of May 2025, as

“NATIONAL WATER SAFETY MONTH”

in Hawai'i and ask the people of the Aloha State to join me in supporting water safety and recognizing the flowing contributions of the recreational water industry whose members are proudly represented by the organizations of the National Water Safety Month Coalition. I extend my warm mahalo for making waves in developing safe and welcoming recreational aquatic environments in our community.

Done at the State Capitol in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, on this fourteenth day of April 2025.

Josh Green, M.D.
Governor, State of Hawai'i