



WHEREAS, the people of Illinois recognize the vital role that swimming and aquatic-related activities play in good physical and mental health and enhance the quality of life for all people; and,

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

WHEREAS, the people of Illinois 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 people of Illinois 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 people of Illinois 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;

THEREFORE, I, JB Pritzker, Governor of the State of Illinois do hereby declare May 2021, as **National Water Safety Month**, and urge all Illinoisans to support and promote this observance.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Illinois to be affixed.



Done at the Capitol in the City of Springfield,
this TWENTY-THIRD *day of* APRIL, *in*
the Year of Our Lord, two thousand and
TWENTY-ONE, *and of the State of Illinois,*
two hundred and THIRD.

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SECRETARY OF STATE

JB Pritzker
GOVERNOR