

STATE OF ILLINOIS

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Proclamation

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

WHEREAS, water safety education is essential to prevent drownings and recreational water-related injuries; and,

WHEREAS, the recreational water industry, as represented by the organizations involved in the National Water Safety Month Coalition, has made significant contributions to the development of safe swimming facilities, aquatic programs, home pools and spas, and related activities that provide healthy places to recreate, learn and grow, and build self-esteem, confidence, and a sense of self-worth, which contributes to the quality of life in a community; and,

WHEREAS, there are 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, 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, is of vital importance;

THEREFORE, I, JB Pritzker, Governor of the State of Illinois, do hereby declare May 2026 as National Water Safety Month in Illinois.

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 FIRST *day of* MAY, *in*
the Year of Our Lord, two thousand and
TWENTY-SIX, *and of the State of Illinois,*
two hundred and SEVENTH.



Alysi Stannoch
SECRETARY OF STATE

JB Pritzker
GOVERNOR