

A Proclamation

Whereas, The residents of Massachusetts 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 residents of Massachusetts understand the essential role that education regarding the topic of Water Safety plays in preventing drownings and recreational water-related injuries; and

Whereas, 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, beaches, public pools, aquatic programs, home pools and spas, provide healthy places to recreate, learn, grow, build self-esteem, confidence and sense of self-worth which contributes to the quality of life in our community; and

Whereas, Massachusetts recognizes the ongoing efforts and commitments to educate the public, especially in environmental justice and underserved communities, on pool and spa safety issues and initiatives by the pool, spa, waterpark, recreation and parks industries; and

Whereas, Massachusetts understands 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 and beaches, or visitors to waterparks,

Now, Therefore, I, Maura T. Healey, Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, do hereby proclaim May 2025, to be,

WATER SAFETY MONTH

And urge all the residents of the Commonwealth to take cognizance of this event and participate fittingly in its observance.

Given at the Executive Chamber in Boston, this first day of May, in the year two thousand and twenty-five, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the two hundred and forty-eighth

BY HER EXCELLENCY

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