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Dear Friends,

On behalf of the people of Maine, I write this letter to help raise awareness about National Water Safety Month, which is recognized in the month of May.

Maine people know the vital role that swimming and water-related activities contribute to our good physical and mental health and the ways they enhance the quality of life for all people. Further, they understand the essential role that education around water safety plays in preventing drownings and recreational water-related injuries.

According to the Centers for Disease Control, ten people die from unintentional drownings every day. That is why it is critical that all Maine people recognize the vital importance of water safety rules to prevent recreational water-related injuries, illnesses, and deaths. National Water Safety Month raises awareness about critical water safety practices that will ensure your safety whether at the ocean, lake, pool, spa, or a water park.

As Governor, I thank those who are doing the critical work of keeping Maine people safe and informed, and I urge all Maine people to be aware of water safety rules and programs, whether owners of private pools, users of public swimming facilities, or visitors to waterparks.

Thank you,

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