



## STATE of MINNESOTA

# Proclamation

WHEREAS: As the land of 10,000 lakes, Minnesota recognizes how swimming, boating, and water sports contribute to our health, well-being, and the culture of our state; and

WHEREAS: It is critical that all Minnesotans are educated in water safety to prevent drownings and injuries and ensure our lakes, rivers, ponds, and pools can be enjoyed by everyone; and

WHEREAS: Everyone has a responsibility to practice water safety and spread awareness of safety practices – especially those who own or operate pools, spas, and watersport equipment that are used by friends, family, neighbors, and visitors in Minnesota; and

WHEREAS: There are many individuals and organizations committed to educating the public on water safety issues, with many initiatives led by the pool, spa, waterpark, recreation, and parks industries; and

WHEREAS: The National Water Safety Month Coalition helps to develop safe swimming facilities, aquatic programs, home pools and spas, and related activities, providing healthy places to play, learn, grow, and build confidence, contributing to the quality of life and the spread of joy in our communities; and

WHEREAS: All people in Minnesota are encouraged to support, promote, and practice water safety in their daily lives.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, TIM WALZ, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim May 2024 as:

## WATER SAFETY MONTH

in the State of Minnesota.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol this 1<sup>st</sup> day of May.



  
GOVERNOR

  
SECRETARY OF STATE