



## STATE of MINNESOTA

# Proclamation

- WHEREAS: As the land of 10,000 lakes, Minnesota recognizes how swimming, boating, and water sports contribute to the health, well-being, and culture of our state; and
- WHEREAS: It is critical that all people in Minnesota are educated in water safety to prevent drownings and injuries and ensure our lakes, rivers, ponds, and pools can be enjoyed; 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 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 2026 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 22<sup>nd</sup> day of April.

  
GOVERNOR

  
SECRETARY OF STATE