



STATE OF NEW JERSEY  
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

*Proclamation*

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

WHEREAS, the residents of New Jersey are aware of the contributions made by the recreational water industry as represented by community organizations, parks and recreation professionals, childhood injury prevention organizations, and organizations involved in the National Water Safety Month Coalition in developing safe swimming facilities, aquatic programs, home pools and spas, and related activities providing 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, the residents of New Jersey recognize the 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, the residents of New Jersey understand the vital importance of providing water safety education, outreach, 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, Mikie Sherrill, Governor of the State of New Jersey, do hereby proclaim:

MAY 2026  
AS  
WATER SAFETY MONTH

in New Jersey.



GIVEN, under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of New Jersey, this sixteenth day of March in the year two thousand twenty-six, the two hundred fiftieth year of the Independence of the United States.

*Dale G. Cahill*  
Lt. GOVERNOR

*Mikie Sherrill*  
GOVERNOR