



STATE OF NEW MEXICO EXECUTIVE OFFICE SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

Proclamation

WHEREAS, the citizens of New Mexico recognize that swimming, boating, and aquatic related recreation are essential to physical and mental wellbeing and significantly enhance quality of life across our communities from city pools to lakes, rivers, and reservoirs; and

WHEREAS, New Mexicans understand that education about Water Safety plays a critical role in preventing drownings and water related injuries, particularly as families and visitors enjoy the state's lakes, rivers, and public pools throughout the warm weather season; and

WHEREAS, New Mexico's recreational water industry including municipal pools, State Parks, tribal aquatic programs, waterparks, and home pool owners continues to develop safe facilities, promote water safety instruction, and create opportunities for residents to learn, build confidence, and participate in healthy activities that strengthen our communities; and

WHEREAS, New Mexico agencies and partners consistently work to expand water safety awareness, including the New Mexico State Parks Division, which each year launches boating season with safety campaigns emphasizing life-jacket use, sober boating, and safe operation of watercraft, as highlighted in NM State Parks launches boating season with safety tips; and

WHEREAS, education on pool, spa, and open water safety remains essential for families and individuals of all ages whether swimming in private pools, enjoying public aquatic facilities, visiting waterparks, or recreating on New Mexico's lakes and rivers; and

WHEREAS, the State of New Mexico is committed to broad water safety efforts, including ensuring safe drinking water and improving public awareness of water quality concerns, supported by statewide initiatives such as the PFAS testing dashboard outlined in NMED launches PFAS dashboard for drinking water systems; and

WHEREAS, National Water Safety Month provides an opportunity to reinforce the importance of safe aquatic recreation, highlight the work of water safety educators, lifeguards, and first responders, and encourage responsible enjoyment of New Mexico's diverse waterways.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Michelle Lujan Grisham, Governor of the State of New Mexico, do hereby proclaim May 2026, as:

"National Water Safety Month"

throughout the state of New Mexico.

Attest:

Maggie Toulouse Oliver
Secretary of State

Done at the Executive Office this
23rd day of March 2026.

Witness my hand and the Great Seal
of the State of New Mexico.

Michelle Lujan Grisham
Governor