WHEREAS, swimming and other aquatic activities contribute to good physical and mental health and enhance the quality of life for all people; and

WHEREAS, water safety education is essential to prevent drowning and recreational water-related injuries; and

WHEREAS, the American Red Cross and the recreational water industry have been leaders in developing and delivering water safety programs for children and adults; and

WHEREAS, learning to swim and to be safe around water builds self-esteem and self-confidence, which contribute to quality of life; and

WHEREAS, it is vitally important to communicate water safety rules and involve individuals of all ages in water safety programs, whether they are owners of private pools, users of public swimming facilities or visitors to waterparks:

NOW THEREFORE, I, Michelle Lujan Grisham, Governor of the State of New Mexico, do hereby proclaim May 2020 as:

“NATIONAL WATER SAFETY MONTH”

tthroughout the state of New Mexico.

Attest: Done at the Executive Office this 30th day of March 2020.

Maggie Toulouse Oliver Secretary of State

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

Michelle Lujan Grisham Governor