

In the Name and by the Authority of

THE STATE OF OHIO



WHEREAS, swimming and aquatic-related activities have positive impacts on physical and mental health and can enhance one's quality of life; and

WHEREAS, education regarding the topic of water safety plays an essential role in preventing drownings and recreational water-related injuries; and

WHEREAS, the contributions made by the recreational water industry, as represented by the organizations involved in the National Water Safety Month Coalition, have led to the development of safe swimming facilities, aquatic programs, home pools and spas, and related activities that provide healthy places to recreate, learn and grow, build self-esteem, confidence and sense of self-worth which contributes to the quality of life in our communities; and

WHEREAS, we commend 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 communication of water safety rules and programs to families and individuals of all ages is vital for owners of private pools, users of public swimming facilities or visitors to waterparks;

NOW, THEREFORE, We, Mike DeWine and Jim Tressel, Governor and Lieutenant Governor of the State of Ohio, do hereby recognize May 2026 as

WATER SAFETY MONTH

on this 1st day of May 2026.

Mike DeWine
Governor



Jim Tressel
Lieutenant Governor