## STATE OF OREGON

## PROCLAMATION

## OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS: Swimming and aquatic-related activities relate to good physical and mental health and

enhance the quality of life for all people; and

WHEREAS: Water safety education plays an essential role in preventing drownings and recreational

water-related injuries; and

WHEREAS: Developing safe swimming facilities, aquatic programs, home pools and spas, and related

activities 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 community; and

WHEREAS: The pool, spa, waterpark, recreation, and parks industries are committed to educating the

public on pool and spa safety issues and initiatives; and

WHEREAS: This spring and summer, Oregonians recognize the importance of water safety rules and

programs to families and individuals of all ages, whether owners of private pools, users of

public swimming facilities, or visitors to waterparks.

NOW,

THEREFORE: I, Tina Kotek, Governor of the State of Oregon, hereby proclaim May 2024 to be

## NATIONAL WATER SAFETY MONTH

in Oregon and encourage all Oregonians to join in this observance.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and cause the Great Seal of the State of Oregon to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Salem in the State of Oregon on this day, May 2, 2024.

Tina Kotek, Governor

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LaVonne Griffin-Valade, Secretary of State

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