

# State of South Carolina

## Governor's Proclamation

**WHEREAS,** swimming and other aquatic-related activities enhance the quality of life and improve the physical and mental health of the people in the Palmetto State; and

**WHEREAS,** water safety education plays an essential role in preventing drownings and recreational water-related injuries; and

**WHEREAS,** the recreational water industry contributes to the development of safe swimming facilities, aquatic programs, home pools and spas, and related activities, helping to provide healthy places to recreate, learn, and build self-esteem, confidence, and a sense of self-worth, enhancing the quality of life in our communities; and

**WHEREAS,** it is vital to communicate 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, Henry Dargan McMaster, Governor of the great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim May 2026 as**

### **WATER SAFETY MONTH**

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to 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.



A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Henry D. McMaster".

**HENRY DARGAN McMASTER  
GOVERNOR  
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA**