



STATE OF TENNESSEE

# PROCLAMATION

BY THE GOVERNOR

**WHEREAS**, citizens of Tennessee recognize the vital role that swimming and aquatic-related activities play in good physical and mental health and enhancing the quality of life for all people; and

**WHEREAS**, the citizens of Tennessee understand the essential role that education regarding the topic of water safety plays in preventing drownings and recreational water-related injuries; and

**WHEREAS**, Tennesseans are aware of the contributions made by the recreational water industry, including by the organizations involved in the National Water Safety Month Coalition, to develop safe swimming facilities, aquatic programs, home pools and spas, and related activities; and

**WHEREAS**, these efforts help to provide healthy places to recreate, learn, grow, and build self-esteem, confidence, and sense of self-worth, all of which contribute to the quality of life in our community; and

**WHEREAS**, Tennesseans 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; and

**WHEREAS**, the citizens of Tennessee understand the vital importance of communicating 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, Bill Lee, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby declare the month of May 2026 as

## *Water Safety Month*

in Tennessee and encourage all citizens to join me in this worthy observance.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the official seal of the State of Tennessee to be affixed at Nashville on this thirtieth day of March 2026.



*Bill Lee*

Governor

*Julie Day*

Secretary of State