



STATE OF TEXAS
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From the mountains of West Texas to the pine forests of East Texas, Texans have plentiful opportunities to enjoy the great outdoors. Throughout our land, we are blessed with many beautiful rivers and lakes, not to mention the Gulf Coast, as sources of recreation and enjoyment. Our warm weather allows us to enjoy swimming, fishing, boating, and other water activities nearly year-round.

But while we are enjoying the water, we must also be vigilant and take special care to avoid accidents, which can cause injuries or even drowning. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, ten people die from unintentional drownings every day. About one in five people who die from drowning are children 14 and younger, and for every child who dies from drowning, another five receive emergency department care for nonfatal submersion injuries.

Accidents can be prevented by following simple safety procedures: knowing how to swim, learning CPR, avoiding reckless behavior, and always wearing a life jacket when on a boat.

Each May, an awareness campaign is conducted to remind us all of this important issue. It is every Texan's responsibility to be informed about proper water safety measures.

At this time, I encourage all Texans to become fully knowledgeable of all water safety precautions and to follow them. We have a responsibility to ensure not only our own safety, but also the safety of others around us.

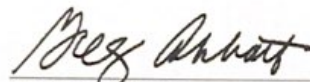
Therefore, I, Greg Abbott, Governor of Texas, do hereby proclaim
May 2020, to be

Water Safety Month



in Texas, and urge the appropriate recognition whereof.

In official recognition whereof,
I hereby affix my signature this the
14th day of April, 2020.


Governor of Texas