

The State of Washington



Proclamation

WHEREAS, swimming and aquatic-related activities play a vital role in good physical and mental health and enhance quality of life; and

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

WHEREAS, the recreational water industry is developing safe swimming facilities, aquatic programs, home pools and spas, and is engaged in related activities that provide healthy places to recreate, learn and grow and build self-esteem, confidence and a sense of self-worth, which contribute to the quality of life in our community; and

WHEREAS, the pool, spa, waterpark, recreation and parks industries are involved in ongoing efforts to educate the public on pool and spa safety issues and initiatives; and

WHEREAS, it is vitally important to communicate information about water safety rules and programs to families and individuals of all ages, including private pool owners, individuals using public swimming facilities and waterpark visitors because water safety education prevents drownings and recreational water-related injuries;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bob Ferguson, governor of the state of Washington, do hereby proclaim May 2026 as

Water Safety Month

in Washington, and I urge all people in our state to join me in this special observance.



Signed this 1st day of May, 2026

Bob Ferguson
Governor Bob Ferguson