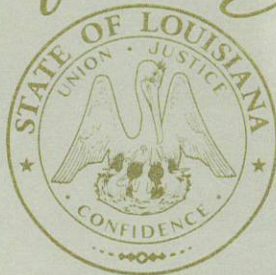


# Office of the Governor



JOHN BEL EDWARDS

## PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS,** citizens of Louisiana recognize the vital role that swimming and aquatic-related activities relate to good physical and mental health and enhance the quality of life for all people; and
- WHEREAS,** the citizens of Louisiana understand the essential role that education regarding the topic of water safety plays in preventing drownings and recreational water-related injuries; and
- WHEREAS,** there are many contributions made by the recreational water industry, as represented by the organizations involved in the National Water Safety Month Coalition in developing safe swimming facilities, aquatic programs, home pools and spas, and related activities providing 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 citizens of Louisiana 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,** Louisiana citizens 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, John Bel Edwards,** Governor of the State of Louisiana, do hereby proclaim May 2023 as

**WATER SAFETY MONTH**  
In the State of Louisiana.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand officially and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Louisiana, at the Capitol, in the City of Baton Rouge, on this 1st day of **May** A. D., **2023**.



John Bel Edwards  
Governor