



## **PROCLAMATION**

### **NATIONAL WATER SAFETY MONTH**

May 2024

**WHEREAS**, citizens of the Northern Mariana Islands 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 the Northern Mariana Islands understand the essential role that education regarding the topic of Water Safety plays in preventing drownings and recreational water-related injuries; and

**WHEREAS**, the citizens of the Northern Mariana Islands are aware of the 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 the Northern Mariana Islands 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 the Northern Mariana Islands 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, DAVID M. APATANG**, Acting Governor of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and Laws of the Commonwealth, do hereby proclaim **May 2024** as

### **NATIONAL WATER SAFETY MONTH**

Today, we call upon individuals and organizations throughout the Commonwealth to fully engage in recognizing National Water Safety Month. Together, let's reaffirm our joint commitment to ensuring the safety and enjoyment of our waters for everyone, as we cherish and protect this vital resource.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hands on this 2nd day of May 2024.



**DAVID M. APATANG**  
Acting Governor