

# STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

## Office of the Governor



### PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, citizens of Mississippi 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**, aquatic centers and pools throughout Mississippi are vital to happy and healthy lives of our residents; and

**WHEREAS**, education, athletic, and recreation programs throughout the state of Mississippi encompass a multitude of activities that can result in personal accomplishments, self-satisfaction, and family unity for all citizens, regardless of their background, ability level, or age; and

**WHEREAS**, the citizens of Mississippi 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 Mississippi recognize 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 Mississippi further 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 Mississippi 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, Tate Reeves, Governor of the State of Mississippi, do hereby declare the month of May as

### WATER SAFETY MONTH

in Mississippi and urge all Mississippians to support and promote this observance.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Mississippi to be affixed.

DONE in the City of Jackson on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of April in the year of our Lord, two thousand and twenty-four, and in the anniversary of the United States of America, the two hundred and forty-eighth.

  
TATE REEVES  
GOVERNOR

