

*Executive Proclamation*  
*State of South Dakota*  
*Office of the Governor*

*Whereas*, swimming and other water-related activities can contribute to good physical and mental health as well as enhance quality of life; and,

*Whereas*, water safety education plays an essential role in preventing drownings and recreational aquatic injuries; and,

*Whereas*, the recreational water industry makes contributions to develop safe swimming facilities, aquatic programs, home pools and spas, and related activities. These opportunities can contribute to a higher quality of life in our community; and,

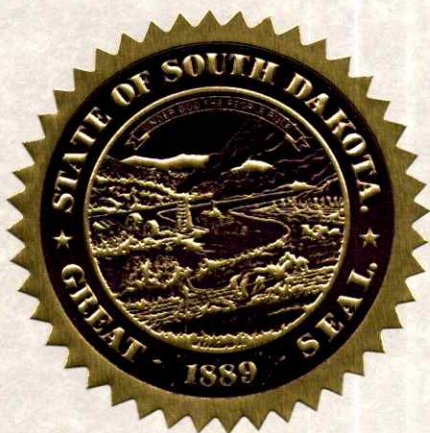
*Whereas*, the pool, spa, waterpark, and recreation and parks industries are making ongoing efforts to educate the public on pool and spa safety issues and initiatives; and,

*Whereas*, it is vitally important to communicate water safety rules and programs to families and individuals of all ages, whether they are owners of private pools, users of public swimming facilities, or visitors to waterparks:

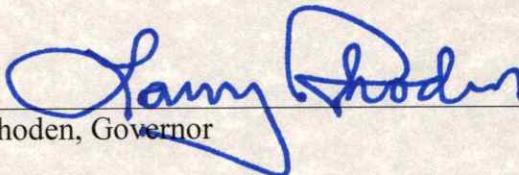
*Now, Therefore, I, Larry Rhoden*, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim May 2025, as

*WATER SAFETY MONTH*

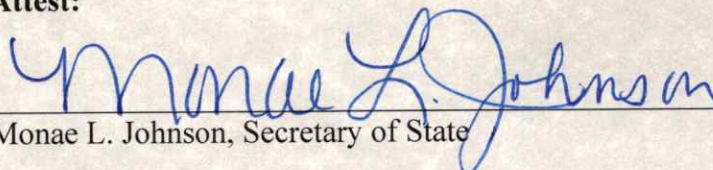
in South Dakota.



*In Witness Whereof*, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Thirtieth Day of April in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Five.

  
Larry Rhoden, Governor

Attest:

  
Monae L. Johnson, Secretary of State