

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

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

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

*Whereas*, the National Water Safety Month Coalition developed safe swimming facilities, aquatic programs, home pools and spas, and other related contributions to the recreational water industry. The coalition also encourages healthy recreation which builds self-esteem, confidence, a sense of self-worth, and contributes to the quality of life in South Dakota communities; and,

*Whereas*, the citizens of South Dakota recognize the ongoing efforts and commitments to educate the public on pool and spa safety; and,

*Whereas*, communicating 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, is of vital importance:

*Now, Therefore, I, Kristi Noem*, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim May 2023, 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 Twenty-fourth Day of April in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Three.



*Kristi Noem*  
Kristi Noem, Governor

Attest:

*Monae L. Johnson*  
Monae L. Johnson, Secretary of State