

# The State of Washington



## Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, swimming and aquatic-related activities play a vital role in good physical and mental health and enhance quality of life; and

**WHEREAS**, the people of Washington understand the essential role that education regarding water safety plays in preventing drownings and recreational water-related injuries; and

**WHEREAS**, the recreational water industry is developing safe swimming facilities, aquatic programs, home pools and spas, and is engaged in related activities that provide healthy places to recreate, learn and grow, and build self-esteem, confidence, and a sense of self-worth, which contributes to the quality of life in our community; and

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

**WHEREAS**, it is vitally important to communicate information about water safety rules and programs to families and individuals of all ages, including private pool owners, individuals using public swimming facilities, and waterpark visitors, since water safety education prevents drownings and recreational water-related injuries;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Jay Inslee, Governor of the state of Washington, do hereby declare May 2023 as

### *Water Safety Month*

in Washington, and I encourage all people in our state to join me in this special observance.

Signed this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of April, 2023

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jay Inslee".

Governor Jay Inslee

