

The State of Maryland



Proclamation

From the Governor of the State of Maryland

NATIONAL WATER SAFETY MONTH MAY 2016

- WHEREAS,** *Marylanders recognize the vital role that swimming and aquatic-related activities related to good physical and mental health and enhance the quality of life for all people; and*
- WHEREAS,** *The citizens of Maryland understand the essential role that education regarding the topic of Water Safety plays in preventing drownings and recreational water-related injuries; and*
- WHEREAS,** *Maryland is 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 Maryland 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.*
- WHEREAS,** *Maryland is pleased to join in supporting National Water Safety Month and promoting increased education to make everyone more "Water Aware."*

NOW, THEREFORE, I, LAWRENCE J. HOGAN, JR., GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND, do hereby proclaim MAY 2016 as NATIONAL WATER SAFETY MONTH in Maryland, and do commend this celebration to all of our citizens.



Given Under My Hand and the Great Seal of the State of Maryland,
this 1st day of May
Two Thousand and sixteen

Lawrence J. Hogan, Jr.
Governor

Robert K. Lathrop
Lt. Governor

John C. Womack
Secretary of State