STATE OF OHIO

Executive Department

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

Columbus

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, citizens of Ohio recognize the positive impact swimming and aquatic-related activities have on physical and mental health and their ability to enhance one's quality of life; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of Ohio understand the essential role that education regarding the topic of water safety plays in preventing drownings and recreational water-related injuries; and

WHEREAS, Ohio 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 communities; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of Ohio 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 Ohio 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, We, John R. Kasich and Mary Taylor, Governor and Lieutenant Governor of the State of **Ohio**, do hereby recognize May 2016 as

WATER SAFETY MONTH

throughout Ohio and encourage all citizens to support and promote this observance by advocating for water safety and by educating friends, family and neighbors.

On this 1st day of May 2016;

John R. Kasich Governor

Mary Taylor

Lieutenant Governor