

STATE OF ALASKA



Executive Proclamation by *Governor Bill Walker*

WHEREAS, swimming and aquatic-related activities relate to good physical and mental health and enhance the quality of life for many Alaskans; and

WHEREAS, Alaska is blessed with pristine lakes, rivers, and seemingly endless miles of coastline, providing a wide variety of water-related activities for residents and visitors; and

WHEREAS, safe swimming facilities, aquatic programs, home pools and spas, and related activities provide healthy places to recreate, learn and grow, build self-esteem and confidence which contributes to the quality of life in our communities; and

WHEREAS, National Safety Council statistics point to drowning as the number one cause of death in children ages one to four nationwide, most often due to a child falling in a pool or being left alone in the bathtub; and

WHEREAS, education plays an essential role in water safety, and the prevention of drowning and water related injuries, and constant vigilance from parents and caregivers is crucial; and

WHEREAS, Alaskans 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 park industries; and

WHEREAS, as Alaskans prepare to enjoy increased activities on and around our bodies of water and swimming and water recreation facilities during the summer, it is important that adults set a good example of personal safety for their children and those around them.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Bill Walker, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF ALASKA, do hereby proclaim May, 2017 as:

Water Safety Month

in Alaska, and encourage all Alaskans to educate themselves and others on water safety precautions, as well as to learn how to swim, so that all can enjoy the many water-related activities in this great land.

Dated: April 20, 2017



Bill Walker

*Bill Walker, Governor
who has also authorized the
seal of the State of Alaska to
be affixed to this proclamation.*