

**STATE OF ARKANSAS**  
**EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT**

**PROCLAMATION**

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME – GREETINGS:

WHEREAS: Citizens of Arkansas recognize the vital role that swimming and aquatic-related activities relate to good physical and mental health and enhancing the quality of life for all people; and

WHEREAS: The citizens of Arkansas understand the essential role that education regarding the topic of Water Safety plays in preventing drownings and recreational water-related injuries; and

WHEREAS: The citizens of Arkansas are aware of the contributions made by the recreational water industry, as represented by the organizations involved in the National Water Safety Month Coalition to develop safe swimming facilities, aquatic programs, home pools and spas, and related activities, and to provide healthy places to learn and grow, build self-esteem, confidence and sense of self-worth which contributes to the quality of life in our community; and

WHEREAS: Arkansans 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 people of the State of Arkansas 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, I, ASA HUTCHINSON, Governor of the State of Arkansas, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the laws of the State of Arkansas, do hereby proclaim May 2017, as

**NATIONAL WATER SAFETY MONTH IN ARKANSAS**

across the State, and I urge all citizens to support awareness and promote safety in water-related activities.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Arkansas to be affixed this 10<sup>th</sup> day of March, in the year of our Lord 2017.



*Asa Hutchinson*

Asa Hutchinson, Governor

*Mark Martin*

Mark Martin, Secretary Of State