



Proclamation

In Recognition of

National Water Safety Month

WHEREAS, the World Waterpark Association, National Recreation & Park Association, Association of Pool & Spa Professionals, and American Red Cross make a joint effort in bringing safe, enjoyable aquatic activities to the American public with safe swimming facilities and aquatic programs; and

WHEREAS, swimming and aquatic-related activities offer great benefits in health, fitness and socialization for people of all ages; and

WHEREAS, the popularity of swimming and other water-related recreational activities in the United States increases the need for public education on safer water practices, swim lessons, buddy systems, and adult supervision; and

WHEREAS, appropriate equipment, basic life-saving skills, and education on water safety are essential to prevent drownings and other water-related injuries; and

WHEREAS, lifeguards, fire department personnel, emergency medical professionals and parents all play a vital role in saving lives; and

WHEREAS, Hawai'i beaches and popular waterfall hiking trails offer family fun for kama'aina and tourists, calling for greater awareness of potential hazardous conditions, ocean and beach safety, and waterfall and stream safety;

THEREFORE I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor, and I, SHAN S. TSUTSUI, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim May 2017 as

“WATER SAFETY MONTH”

in Hawai'i and encourage the citizens of the Aloha State to join us in supporting and promoting water safety for our keiki and families and to always be “water aware.”

DONE at the State Capitol in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, on this twenty-ninth day of March 2017.

DAVID Y. IGE
Governor, State of Hawai'i

SHAN S. TSUTSUI
Lt. Governor, State of Hawai'i