



WHEREAS, swimming and aquatic-related activities can play a role in good physical and mental health and enhance the quality of life for all people; and,

WHEREAS, water safety education plays into preventing drowning and recreational water-related injuries; and,

WHEREAS, Illinois 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; and,

WHEREAS, these organizations provide healthy places to recreate; learn and grow; and build self-esteem, confidence, and a sense of self-worth which contributes to the quality of life in our communities; and,

WHEREAS, the pool, spa, water park, recreation, and parks industries support ongoing efforts and commitments to educate the public on pool and spa safety issues and initiatives; and,

WHEREAS, the citizens of Illinois 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 water parks;

THEREFORE, I, Bruce Rauner, Governor of the State of Illinois, do hereby declare May 2017 as NATIONAL WATER SAFETY MONTH in Illinois.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Illinois to be affixed.

Done at the Capitol in the City of Springfield,
this THIRD *day of* APRIL *, in*
the Year of Our Lord, two thousand and
SEVENTEEN *, and of the State of Illinois,*
one hundred and NINETY-NINTH *.*



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SECRETARY OF STATE

Bruce Rauner

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