

John Bel Edwards

GOVERNOR

Proclamation

WHEREAS,

citizens of Louisiana recognize the vital role that swimming and aquatic-related activities relate to good physical and mental health and enhance the quality of life for all people; and

WHEREAS,

the citizens of Louisiana 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 Louisiana 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 community; and

WHEREAS,

the citizens of Louisiana 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 Louisiana 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, John Bel Edwards, Governor of the State of Louisiana, do hereby proclaim May 2017 as

WATER SAFETY MONTH

in the State of Louisiana.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand officially and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Louisiana, at the Capitol, in the City of Baton Rouge, on this <u>1st</u> day of <u>May</u>

A.D., <u>2017</u>.

Governor of Louisiana