



Office of the Governor
State of Missouri

Proclamation

WHEREAS, the citizens of Missouri recognize that swimming and aquatic-related activities contribute to good physical and mental health and enhance the quality of life for many people; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of Missouri understand the essential role that water-safety education plays in preventing drowning and recreational water-related injuries; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of Missouri are 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 in providing healthy places to recreate; learn and grow; and build self-esteem, confidence and a sense of self-worth, which contribute to the quality of life in our community; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of Missouri recognize the ongoing efforts and commitments to educate the public on pool and spa safety issues and initiatives by the pool, spa, water park, recreation and parks industries; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of Missouri 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.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Eric R. Greitens, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI, do hereby proclaim May 2017 to be

WATER SAFETY MONTH

in Missouri, and urge all Missouri citizens to recognize the importance of water-safety education.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Missouri, in the City of Jefferson, this 19th day of April, 2017.



Handwritten signature of Eric R. Greitens in black ink.

Eric R. Greitens
Governor

Attest:

Handwritten signature of Jay Ashcroft in black ink.

Secretary of State