

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

Office of the Governor



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the citizens of Mississippi 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 Mississippi understand the essential role that education regarding the topic of Water Safety plays in preventing drowning and recreational water-related injuries; and

WHEREAS, it is important to be 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 Mississippi 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 Mississippi 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, Phil Bryant, Governor of the State of Mississippi, do hereby declare the month of May 2017 as

WATER SAFETY MONTH

in the State of Mississippi and urge all those in the Mississippi to support and promote this observance.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Mississippi to be affixed.

DONE in the City of Jackson on the 20th day of March in the year of our Lord, two thousand and seventeen, and in the anniversary of the United States of America, the two hundred and forty-first.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Phil Bryant".

PHIL BRYANT
GOVERNOR