



# State of New York

## Executive Chamber

### Proclamation

**Whereas**, the warm weather season brings increased levels of outdoor activity and, during this time of year, it is especially important to exercise safety, responsibility, and common sense with regard to swimming, water sports, and other aquatic-related activities in order to prevent accidents, injuries, and drownings; and

**Whereas**, New York State has a vast network of public beaches, lakes, and rivers that provide a range of opportunities for water recreation and sports activities; and

**Whereas**, today, New Yorkers enjoy home pools, spas, public swimming facilities, and waterparks that feature water slides, splash pads, spray playgrounds, lazy rivers, and other recreational environments, with many contemporary parks equipped with artificial surfing or bodyboarding environments, such as wave pools and wave simulators; and

**Whereas**, education is a key factor in raising awareness about the dangers and risks associated with water recreation, and relaying information and facts about water safety is one of the most effective and successful ways to convey a potentially lifesaving message to people; and

**Whereas**, New York State recognizes the importance of safety education for people actively engaged in any form of outdoor water recreation, and reminds water enthusiasts to become informed about safety issues and to learn the rules of the water by participating in programs offered by trained certified professionals that can help prevent drownings and other water-related injuries and deaths; and

**Whereas**, water safety is a responsibility we all share – when it comes to ourselves and each other – and people of all ages are encouraged to be proactive in learning about water safety and to take advantage of local resources that can help improve their knowledge, skills, and abilities to ensure safety at public swimming and water recreation facilities, and we join to support the goals of National Water Safety Month, recognizing that it is critical for all people to think “safety first” and become “water aware” whenever planning water-related activities;

**Now, Therefore**, I, Andrew M. Cuomo, Governor of the State of New York, do hereby proclaim May 2017 as

## WATER SAFETY MONTH

in the Empire State.



**G i v e n**

under my hand and the Privy Seal of the State  
at the Capitol in the City of Albany this first day of  
May in the year two thousand seventeen.

Governor

Secretary to the Governor  
Melissa DeRosa