



State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations
GUBERNATORIAL PROCLAMATION

Water Safety Month

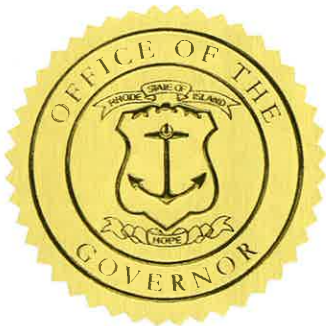
WHEREAS, Rhode Islanders recognize the vital role that swimming and aquatic-related activities play in maintaining good physical and mental health and in enhancing quality of life for all people; and

WHEREAS, we understand the essential role that education on water safety plays in preventing drownings and recreational water-related injuries; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of our state 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 places that offer safe and healthy opportunities to recreate, learn and grow, and build the self-esteem, confidence, and sense of self-worth that contribute to our community's quality of life; and

WHEREAS, we understand the vital importance of communicating water-safety rules and programs to families and individuals of all ages, from owners of private pools to users of public swimming facilities and visitors to waterparks;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Gina M. Raimondo, Governor of the State of Rhode Island, do hereby proclaim May 2017 as: *Water Safety Month* and encourage all citizens to recognize the importance of this month.



Given under my hand and the great seal of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, this 10 day of April, 2017

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Gina M. Raimondo".

Gina M. Raimondo
Governor

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Nellie M. Gorbea".

Nellie M. Gorbea
Secretary of State