



State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations
GUBERNATORIAL PROCLAMATION

Water Safety Month

WHEREAS, Rhode Islanders recognize the vital role of swimming and aquatic activities in helping people maintain good physical and mental health and enhancing quality of life; and

WHEREAS, we understand the essential role that water-safety education 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 in supporting other related activities that provide healthy places for people to recreate, learn and grow, build self-esteem, confidence and sense of self-worth. We are aware that all these contributions enhance the quality of life in our community; 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 2019 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 26th day of March, 2019

Gina M. Raimondo
Governor

Nellie M. Gorbea
Secretary of State