

STATE OF ALASKA



Executive Proclamation by Governor Bill Walker

WHEREAS, Alaska is blessed with pristine lakes, rivers, and miles of coastline, providing a wide variety of outdoor water-related activities for residents and visitors; and

WHEREAS, residents of Alaska understand the vital role swimming and aquatic-related activities play in promoting good physical and mental health; and

WHEREAS, Alaskans recognize the essential role education plays in water safety and the prevention of drowning and water-related deaths and injuries, and understand constant vigilance from parents and caregivers is crucial when recreating around bodies of water; and

WHEREAS, we are grateful for the many contributions by organizations involved in the National Water Safety Month Coalition, for developing safe swimming facilities, aquatic programs, and for providing healthy places to play, learn and grow, build self-esteem, confidence, and a sense of self-worth – all of which contribute to the quality of life in our community; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of Alaska 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, as Alaskans prepare to enjoy increased activities on and around our bodies of water and using swimming pools and other water recreation facilities during the summer, it is important that adults set a good example of personal safety for their children and those around them.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Bill Walker, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF ALASKA, do hereby proclaim May 2018 as:

Water Safety Month

in Alaska, and encourage all Alaskans to educate themselves and others on water safety precautions, as well as to learn how to swim, so that all can safely enjoy the many water-related activities in this great land.

Dated: April 12, 2018



A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Bill Walker".

*Bill Walker, Governor
who has also authorized the
seal of the State of Alaska to
be affixed to this proclamation.*