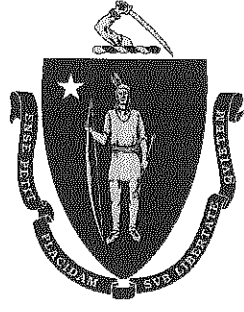


The Commonwealth of Massachusetts



A Proclamation

Whereas, The citizens of Massachusetts recognize the vital role that swimming and aquatic-related activities play in fostering good physical and mental health and enhancing the quality of life for all people; and

Whereas, Water safety education plays an essential role in the prevention of drownings and recreational water-related injuries; and

Whereas, The contributions made by the recreational water industry in developing safe swimming facilities, aquatic programs, home pools and spas, and related activities, contribute to the quality of life in our community by providing healthy places to recreate, learn and grow, and build self-esteem, confidence and sense of self-worth; and

Whereas, The pool, spa, recreation, park and waterpark industries continue their ongoing efforts and commitments to educate the public on water safety issues and initiatives; and

Whereas, It is of vital importance to communicate water safety rules and programs to families and individuals of all ages, whether they are owners of private pools, users of public swimming facilities, or visitors to waterparks,

Now, Therefore, I, Charles D. Baker, Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, do hereby proclaim the month of May 2018, to be,

NATIONAL WATER SAFETY MONTH

And urge all the citizens of the Commonwealth to take cognizance of this event and participate fittingly in its observance.

Given at the Executive Chamber in Boston, this First Day of May, in the year two thousand and eighteen, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the two hundred and forty-first.

BY HIS EXCELLENCY

Handwritten signature of Charles D. Baker in cursive script.

CHARLES D. BAKER
GOVERNOR OF THE COMMONWEALTH

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KARYN E. POLITO
LT. GOVERNOR OF THE COMMONWEALTH

Handwritten signature of William Francis Galvin in cursive script.

WILLIAM FRANCIS GALVIN
SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH

God Save the Commonwealth of Massachusetts