



CERTIFICATE of RECOGNITION

By virtue of the authority vested by the Constitution of Virginia in the Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia, there is hereby officially recognized:

NATIONAL WATER SAFETY MONTH

WHEREAS, the citizens of Virginia recognize the important role that water-related activities can play in good physical and mental health; and

WHEREAS, comprehensive water safety education is essential to prevent drowning and other recreational water-related accidents and injuries; and

WHEREAS, Virginia's recreational water industry and other organizations involved in the National Water Safety Month Coalition contribute to the development of safe swimming facilities, home pools and spas, and other aquatic programs; and

WHEREAS, National Water Safety Month recognizes 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, the citizens of Virginia understand the importance of effectively communicating water safety rules and programs to families and individuals of all ages;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ralph S. Northam, do hereby recognize May 2018 as **NATIONAL WATER SAFETY MONTH** in our **COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA**, and I call this observance to the attention of all our citizens.



Ralph S. Northam
Governor

Kelly Thomas
Secretary of the Commonwealth