

**State of Vermont
Executive Department
A Proclamation**

WHEREAS, water safety education plays an essential role in preventing drownings and other recreational water-related injuries; and

WHEREAS, contributions made by the recreational water industry, as represented by organizations involved in the National Water Safety Month Coalition, develop safe swimming facilities, aquatic programs, home pools and spas, and provide healthy places to learn, grow, and build self-esteem, confidence, and a sense of self-worth which contributes to the quality of life in our communities; and

WHEREAS, these organizations continue to facilitate 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 Vermont understand the vital importance of communicating water safety rules and programs to families and individuals of all ages, including owners of private pools, users of public swimming facilities, waterpark patrons, and swimmers in Vermont's natural water amenities, including our several beaches, rivers, streams, lakes, and swimming holes, many of which are often not supervised by a trained lifeguard.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Philip B. Scott, Governor, do hereby proclaim May 2018 as

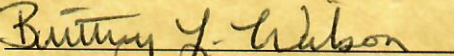
WATER SAFETY MONTH

in Vermont.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 30th day of April, A.D. 2018.



Philip B. Scott
Governor


Brittney L. Wilson
Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs