



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

- WHEREAS: Swimming, boating, fishing, and other water recreational activities are treasured past times in the "Land of 10,000 Lakes;" and
- WHEREAS: Swimming and other water recreational activities activities can play an important role in sustaining physical and mental health and enhancing quality of life; and
- WHEREAS: Approximately 34 Minnesotans drown each year, with young children and those over the age of 85 experiecing the highest rates; and
- WHEREAS: Water safety education is essential for preventing drowning and water-related injuries; and
- WHEREAS: Commonsense safety practices, such as the use of life jackets, fencing around pools, and the supervision of children, are critical to ensuring a safe, enjoyable experience for everyone, and
- WHEREAS: It is essential that all Minnesotans practice sound water safety practices regardless of whether they are owners of private pools, users of public swimming facilities, or spending time at a lake or river.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the month of May 2018, as:

MINNESOTA WATER SAFETY MONTH

in the State of Minnesota.



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SECRETARY OF STATE

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol this 24th day of April.

Mark Dayton

GOVERNOR