



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

## A PROCLAMATION WATER SAFETY MONTH

- WHEREAS: Swimming and aquatic activities provide positive physical and mental benefits which enhance our quality of life; and
- WHEREAS: The citizens of Georgia recognize the vital role that water safety education plays in preventing drownings and recreational water-related injuries. It is important to abide by the rules set forth by trained and certified aquatics professionals who develop water safety rules; and
- WHEREAS: The citizens of Georgia also recognize the ongoing efforts and commitments to educate the public on pool and spa safety issues as well as initiatives by the pool, spa, water park, and recreation and parks industries. All Georgians should understand the vital importance of communicating water safety rules and programs to families and individuals of all ages - whether they are owners of private pools, users of public facilities, or visitors to water parks; and
- WHEREAS: The recreational water industry has organized the National Water Safety Month Coalition to promote safe swimming facilities, aquatic programs, home pools and spas, and related activities; now
- THEREFORE: I, NATHAN DEAL, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim May 2014 as WATER SAFETY MONTH in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 26<sup>th</sup> day of March in the year of our Lord two thousand fourteen.



*Nathan Deal*

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

*Chris W. Riley*

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