

WHEREAS; Wisconsin is home to more than 15,000 lakes and over 84,000 miles of river, as well as the Waterpark Capital of the World in Wisconsin Dells; and

WHEREAS; our state's waterways are vast and valuable resources enjoyed by many, and swimming and aquatic-related activities are major sources of entertainment and enjoyment for Wisconsinites from the Great Lakes to Lake Geneva; and

WHEREAS; swimming and water-related activities enhance the overall quality of life in our communities and play a vital role in promoting good physical and mental health for all Wisconsinites, encouraging time together with friends and family, bolstering our outdoor recreational economy, and providing safe places for folks of all ages and abilities to learn, play, exercise, and grow; and

WHEREAS; robust and early water safety education is critical to preventing drownings and recreational water-related accidents and injuries, especially for kids; and

WHEREAS; we recognize ongoing efforts to educate the public on water safety, and we join the recreational water industry in promoting safe recreational use of water year-round; and

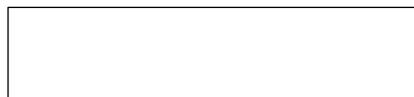
WHEREAS; this month, the state of Wisconsin urges all Wisconsinites, whether owners of private pools, users of public swimming facilities, or visitors of waterparks, state parks, or any of our numerous lakes and rivers, to be safe and understand the importance of following water safety rules for their own health and safety and the health and safety of others;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,  
do hereby proclaim May 2021 as

## **NATIONAL WATER SAFETY MONTH**

throughout the State of Wisconsin and I commend this observance  
to all our state's residents.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Wisconsin to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Madison this 14<sup>th</sup> day of April 2021.



TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:



DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE, Secretary of State