

Ron DESANTIS GOVERNOR

WATER SAFETY MONTH IN FLORIDA

WHEREAS, Florida is committed to ensuring the safety of all residents and visitors to our great state; and

WHEREAS, with nearly 2 thousand miles of coastline, Florida has some of the best beaches in the world attracting swimmers and water sport participants; and

WHEREAS, residents and visitors alike enjoy our state's natural waterways, rivers, lakes, and manmade recreational water facilities in addition to the world-renowned beaches; and

WHEREAS, swimming and aquatic-related activities play an important role in good physical and mental health and enhance the quality of life for all residents and visitors; and

WHEREAS, it is important for everyone, including children, parents and caregivers, to be aware of water safety rules and programs in order to prevent drownings and recreational water-related injuries; and

WHEREAS, basic water safety includes installation of barriers and utilization of safety equipment such as emergency floatation devices; and

WHEREAS, Water Safety Month in Florida is an opportunity to increase public awareness of measures which prevent water-related deaths and injuries, such as swimming lessons, CPR, and adult supervision.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ron DeSantis, Governor of the State of Florida, do hereby extend greetings and best wishes to all observing May 2022, as *Water Safety Month in Florida*.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Florida to be affixed at Tallahassee, the Capital, this 1st day of May, in the year two thousand twenty-two.

Governor