WHEREAS, citizens of Iowa recognize the vital role that swimming and aquatic-related activities relate to good physical and mental health and enhance the quality of life for all people; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of Iowa understand the essential role that education regarding the topic of water safety plays in preventing drownings and recreational water-related injuries; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of Iowa are aware of the contributions made by the recreational water industry, as represented by the organizations involved in the National Water Safety Month Coalition, in developing safe swimming facilities, aquatic programs, home pools and spas, and related activities providing healthy places to recreate, learn and grow and build self-esteem, confidence and sense of self-worth which contributes to the quality of life in our community; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of Iowa recognize the 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 Iowa understand the vital importance of communicating water safety rules and programs to families and individuals of all ages, whether owners of private pools, users of public swimming facilities or visitors to waterparks:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kim Reynolds, Governor of the State of Iowa, do hereby proclaim May 2019 as

WATER SAFETY MONTH

in Iowa and urge all those in the state of Iowa to support and promote this observance.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I HAVE HEREUNTO SUBSCRIBED MY NAME AND CAUSED THE GREAT SEAL OF THE STATE OF IOWA TO BE AFFIXED. DONE AT DES MOINES THIS 24TH DAY OF MARCH IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD TWO THOUSAND AND NINETEEN

KIM REYNOLDS
GOVERNOR OF IOWA

ATTEST:

PAUL PATE
SECRETARY OF STATE