WHEREAS: Oregonians recognize the vital role that swimming and aquatic-related activities play toward supporting good physical and mental health, as well as enhancing the quality of life for all people; and

WHEREAS: Oregonians understand the essential role Water Safety education plays in preventing drownings and recreational water-related injuries; and

WHEREAS: Oregonians are aware of the contributions made by the recreational water industry, as represented by organizations across the state 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, build self-esteem, confidence, and sense of self-worth that contributes to the quality of life in our community; and

WHEREAS: Oregonians recognize the ongoing efforts and commitments of Oregon’s recreational water industry to educate the public on pool and spa safety issues and initiatives by the pool, spa, waterpark, recreation, and parks industries; and

WHEREAS: Oregonians 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, Kate Brown, Governor of the State of Oregon, hereby proclaim May 2019 to be

NATIONAL WATER SAFETY MONTH

in Oregon and encourage all Oregonians to join in this observance.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and cause the Great Seal of the State of Oregon to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Salem in the State of Oregon on this day, April 15, 2019.

Kate Brown, Governor

Bev Clarno, Secretary of State