

STATE OF ARKANSAS

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

PROCLAMATION

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME – GREETINGS:

WHEREAS: Swimming and aquatic-related activities provide opportunities for recreation, learning, and exercising, as well as for building self-esteem, confidence, and a sense of self-worth, which all contribute to the quality of life in our communities and directly affect physical and mental health; and

WHEREAS: In Arkansas, drowning is a leading cause of injury-related death among children under the age of five years and, each year, near-drowning accidents result in life-long disabilities; and

WHEREAS: Drowning Prevention Month was established through a collaborative effort across the country to promote water safety, aquatic safety, and drowning prevention; and

WHEREAS: With temperatures on the rise, more people are heading out to enjoy summer activities, many of which include being on the water and swimming. By being informed, Arkansas citizens can enjoy a fun-filled and safe summer;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ASA HUTCHINSON, Governor of the State of Arkansas, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the laws of the State of Arkansas, do hereby proclaim May 2019, as

DROWNING PREVENTION MONTH

across the State, and I urge my fellow citizens to observe and promote safety rules and practices when participating in water-related recreational activities.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Arkansas to be affixed this 26th day of April, in the year of our Lord 2019.



Asa Hutchinson, Governor

Attest:

John Thurston, Secretary Of State