STATE OF ARKANSAS

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

PROCLAMATION

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME – GREETINGS:

WHEREAS: Swimming and aquatic-related activities have a positive impact on physical and mental health and can enhance the quality of life for all people; and

WHEREAS: Education plays an essential role in water safety and the prevention of drownings and recreational water-related injuries; and

WHEREAS: The contributions made by the recreational water industry have resulted in the development of safe swimming facilities, aquatic programs, home pools and spas, and related activities, as well as provided healthy places to learn and grow, build self-esteem, confidence and sense of self-worth which contributes to the quality of life in our community; and

WHEREAS: 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 are recognized and appreciated throughout Arkansas; and

WHEREAS: The people of the State of Arkansas 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, 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

NATIONAL WATER SAFETY MONTH IN ARKANSAS

across the State, and I urge all citizens to support awareness and promote safety in all water-related activities.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Arkansas to be affixed this 7th day of March, in the year of our Lord 2019.

Asa Hutchinson, Governor

Attest:

John Thurston, Secretary Of State