

## PROCLAMATION WATER SAFETY MONTH MAY 2018

WHEREAS, citizens of North Dakota recognize 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 North Dakota 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 North Dakota 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 North Dakota 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 North Dakota 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,** as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim May 2018, **WATER SAFETY MONTH** in the State of North Dakota.

Doug Burgum Governor

ATTEST:

Secretary of State