

STATE OF ARKANSAS

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

PROCLAMATION

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME - GREETINGS:

WHEREAS: May is National Water Safety month; and 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;

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;

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, SARAH HUCKABEE SANDERS, 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 2024 as

"WATER SAFETY MONTH IN ARKANSAS"

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 May, in the year of our Lord 2024.



Attest:

Sarah Huckabee Sanders, Governor

John Thurston, Secretary of State