

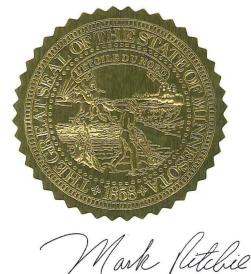
STATE of MINNESOTA

WHEREAS:	Swimming and aquatic-related activities promote physical and mental health and enhance the quality of life for all people; and
WHEREAS:	Water safety education plays a critical role in preventing drowning and recreational water-related injuries; and
WHEREAS:	The citizens of Minnesota are aware of the contributions made by the recreational water industry in developing safe swimming facilities, aquatic programs, and home pools and spas; and
WHEREAS:	The recreational water industry provides healthy places to recreate, learn, grow, and build self-esteem and confidence, which contributes to the quality of life in our community; and
WHEREAS:	The citizens of Minnesota recognize the ongoing efforts and commitments to educate the public on safety initiatives by the pool, spa, waterpark, recreation, and parks industries; and
WHEREAS:	The citizens of Minnesota understand the vital importance of communicating water safety rules and programs to families and individuals of all ages.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the month of May 2013, as:

WATER SAFETY MONTH

in the State of Minnesota.



SECRETARY OF STATE

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol this 3rd day of May.