



RON DESANTIS
GOVERNOR

WATER SAFETY MONTH IN FLORIDA

WHEREAS, Florida is committed to ensuring the safety of all residents and visitors to our great state; and

WHEREAS, residents and tourists alike enjoy our state's natural water resources and man-made recreational water facilities; and

WHEREAS, swimming and aquatic-related activities play a vital role in good physical and mental health and enhance the quality of life for all Floridians and visitors; and

WHEREAS, according to the Centers of Disease Control and Prevention, ten people die from unintentional drownings every day, with about one in five being children 14 and younger; and

WHEREAS, it is important for everyone including children, parents and caregivers to be aware of water safety rules and programs in order to prevent drownings and recreational water-related injuries; and

WHEREAS, basic water safety tips include: children should always be supervised by an adult; when a child or vulnerable adult has uninterrupted access to a body of water, barriers should be installed; children should be given swimming lessons at a young age, and everyone especially caregivers should learn CPR and have safety equipment such as emergency floatation devices; and

WHEREAS, Water Safety Month in Florida is an opportunity to promote water safety and provide education on prevention of recreational water-related injuries, illnesses and deaths.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ron DeSantis, Governor of the State of Florida, do hereby extend greetings and best wishes to all observing May 2021, as *Water Safety Month in Florida*.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Florida to be affixed at Tallahassee, the Capital, this 1st day of May, in the year two thousand twenty-one.


Governor