



RON DESANTIS
GOVERNOR

WATER SAFETY MONTH IN FLORIDA

WHEREAS, Florida is loved by residents and visitors alike for its abundance of 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 the enhancement of the quality of life; and

WHEREAS, Florida loses more children under the age of five to drowning than any other state in the nation, making it critical to educate the public about water safety in order to prevent drownings and recreational water related injuries; and

WHEREAS, it is important for children, parents and caregivers to be aware of the importance of water safety rules and programs; and

WHEREAS, some basic water safety tips to follow are: 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 caregivers should learn CPR and have safety equipment such as emergency floatation devices; and

WHEREAS, Water Safety Month in Florida is an opportunity for Floridians to understand the importance of communicating water safety rules and programs to families and individuals of all ages, in order to help prevent drownings and injuries.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ron DeSantis, Governor of the State of Florida, do hereby extend greetings and best wishes to all observing May 2020, 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.


Governor