



STATE OF TENNESSEE

PROCLAMATION

BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, the arrival of warm weather brings increased levels of outdoor activity in communities across the Volunteer State, and ensuring the safety and well-being of people engaged in all forms of outdoor recreation is a priority during this time of year – especially with regard to water-related activities where safety, sensibility, and smart choices are critically important; and

WHEREAS, an abundance of resources that include a growing number of public and private swimming pools, hot tubs, and water parks, as well as a vast network of lakes and rivers in Tennessee provide residents and visitors with a wide range of opportunities for water recreation and sporting activities in which care and caution must be exercised at all times; and

WHEREAS, the important role that education plays in improving water safety awareness among the greater public cannot be overemphasized, as sharing valuable information and facts about water safety is one of the most effective and successful ways to convey a potentially lifesaving message to people; and

WHEREAS, it is vital that water recreation enthusiasts abide by the water-safety rules enforced by trained and certified aquatics professionals who develop such rules using caution and commonsense, and with utmost consideration of all risks associated with water activities; and

WHEREAS, Tennesseans are encouraged to raise their awareness of water recreation safety issues and are reminded that participating in water-safety programs conducted by trained and certified professionals is the best way to learn the rules of the water, as well as to prevent drowning and other water-related injuries and deaths; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee recognizes that it is critical for all people to think “safety first” and become “water aware” whenever planning water-related recreational activities; and

WHEREAS, the State of Tennessee identifies effective water-safety programs as the best way to prevent drowning and recreation water-related injuries;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Haslam, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim June 18, 2013, as

Water Safety Day

in Tennessee and encourage all citizens to join me in this worthy observance.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the official seal of the State of Tennessee to be affixed at Nashville on this twenty-second day of February, 2013.

A blue ink signature of Bill Haslam, written in a cursive style.

Governor

A blue ink signature of Joe Ruggitt, written in a cursive style.

Secretary of State

