



STATE OF TENNESSEE  
**PROCLAMATION**  
BY THE GOVERNOR

**WHEREAS**, the citizens of Tennessee recognize the importance of swimming and aquatic-related activities in promoting good physical and mental health and enhancing the quality of life for all people; and

**WHEREAS**, Tennesseans understand the essential role that water safety education plays in preventing drowning and recreational water-related injuries; and

**WHEREAS**, we recognize the contributions made by the recreational water industry, as represented by the organizations involved in the National Water Safety Month Coalition, in developing safe swimming facilities, aquatic programs, home pools and spas, and related activities which provide healthy places to recreate, learn and grow, build self-esteem, confidence, and sense of self-worth which contributes to the quality of life in our state; and

**WHEREAS**, we recognize the ongoing efforts and commitments to educate the public on pool and spa safety issues and initiatives by the pool, spa, waterpark, recreation and parks industries; and

**WHEREAS**, it is important to communicate water safety rules and programs to families and individuals of all ages, whether owners of private pools, users of public swimming facilities, or visitors to waterparks;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Bill Haslam, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim the month of May, 2016 as

*Water Safety Month*

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 fourteenth day of March, 2016.



*Bill Haslam*

Governor

*Jo Hargett*

Secretary of State