



Jeff Landry
GOVERNOR

Proclamation

- WHEREAS,** swimming is a popular activity enjoyed by millions of residents and visitors in Louisiana, offering numerous health benefits and opportunities for recreation and social engagement; and
- WHEREAS,** the safety of our citizens in and around water is of paramount importance, as Louisiana tragically has the highest drowning rates in the United States for children; and
- WHEREAS,** drowning is the third leading cause of death among children 1 to 14 years of age in Louisiana, highlighting the urgent need for increased awareness and prevention measures; and
- WHEREAS,** between 2022 and 2023, most drownings in Louisiana occurred in swimming pools, accounting for 37% of these tragic incidents; and
- WHEREAS,** an additional 24% of drownings occurred in natural water, demonstrating the varied risks present in different aquatic environments; and
- WHEREAS,** education on swim safety, including proper supervision, the use of life jackets, and the learning of essential swimming skills, can greatly reduce the risk of water-related injuries and fatalities;
- WHEREAS,** during the summer months, it is especially important to remind and educate Louisiana citizens about the practices and precautions necessary to ensure a safe and enjoyable swimming experience for all; and
- WHEREAS,** water safety requires the commitment and cooperation of all families, community organizations, and government agencies to effectively reduce the risk of drowning;

NOW THEREFORE,

I, Jeff Landry, Governor of the State of Louisiana, do hereby proclaim July 1-30, 2024 to be

SWIM SAFETY MONTH
in the State of Louisiana



*In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand
officially and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State
of Louisiana, at the Capitol, in the City of Baton Rouge,
on this 28 day of June A.D. 2024*

Governor of Louisiana