

Proclamation

by Governor Patrick Morrisey

- Whereas,** the citizens of West Virginia recognize the vital contribution of swimming and aquatic-related activities to good physical and mental health and their ability to enhance the quality of life for all people; and
- Whereas,** the citizens of West Virginia understand the essential role that education regarding the topic of water safety plays in preventing drownings and recreational water-related injuries; and
- Whereas,** the citizens of West Virginia are aware of 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; and
- Whereas,** the citizens of West Virginia recognize the ongoing efforts and commitments to educate the public on pool and spa safety issues by the pool, spa, waterpark, recreation, and park industries; and
- Whereas,** the citizens of West Virginia understand the vital importance of communicating 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, Be it Resolved that I, Patrick Morrisey, Governor of the Great State of West Virginia, do hereby proclaim *May 2026* as:

National Water Safety Month

in the Mountain State and encourage all citizens to join me in this observance.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of West Virginia to be affixed.

Done at the Capitol, City of Charleston, State of West Virginia, this the First day of May, in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Twenty-Six, and in the One Hundred Sixty-Third year of the State.



Patrick Morrisey
Governor

By the Governor:



Kris Warner
Secretary of State