BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

WATER SAFETY MONTH

WHEREAS: Swimming and aquatic activities provide positive physical and mental benefits which enhance our quality of life; and

WHEREAS: The citizens of Georgia recognize the vital role that water safety education plays in preventing drownings and recreational water-related injuries. It is important to abide by the rules set forth by trained and certified aquatics professionals who develop water safety rules; and

WHEREAS: The citizens of Georgia also recognize the ongoing efforts and commitments to educate the public on pool and spa safety issues as well as initiatives by the pool, spa, water park, and recreation and parks industries. All Georgians should understand the vital importance of communicating water safety rules and programs to families and individuals of all ages - whether they are owners of private pools, users of public facilities, or visitors to water parks; and

WHEREAS: The recreational water industry has organized the National Water Safety Month Coalition to promote safe swimming facilities, aquatic programs, home pools and spas, and related activities; now

THEREFORE: I, NATHAN DEAL, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim May 2016 as WATER SAFETY MONTH in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 12th day of April in the year of our Lord two thousand sixteen.

Nathan Deal

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

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