



Proclamation

Hawai‘i is blessed with world-renowned beaches and an ocean environment ideal for various leisure opportunities. However, a lack of basic knowledge of water safety can be dangerous, and in some instances, deadly.

The Association of Pool & Spa Professionals, the National Recreation & Park Association and the World Waterpark Association are organizations that represent businesses, individuals and agencies involved in bringing safe, enjoyable aquatic activities to the American public, from home pools, waterparks, oceans, beaches and public swimming and water recreation facilities.

Throughout the month of May, National Water Safety Month will be observed with educational programs, public service announcements, business promotions and the distribution of water-safety-themed materials designed to prevent drowning and water-related illnesses and injuries. In a collaborative effort, the Association of Pool & Spa Professionals, the National Recreation & Park Association and the World Waterpark Association will work to promote ongoing public education on safer water practices, including swimming lessons, the buddy system and parental supervision, as well as reminders to always follow posted rules and be “water aware.” In our state, the Hawai‘i Recreation & Park Association is serving as the lead local sponsor of Water Safety Month, hosting a variety of events in May.

THEREFORE, I, LINDA LINGLE, Governor, and I, JAMES R. “DUKE” AIONA, JR., Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai‘i, do hereby proclaim **May 2009**, as

WATER SAFETY MONTH

in Hawai‘i, and encourage our citizens to educate themselves and abide by the water-safety rules set forth by trained and certified aquatics professionals.

DONE at the State Capitol, in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai‘i, this first day of May 2009.

Linda Lingle
Governor, State of Hawai‘i

James R. “Duke” Aiona, Jr.
Lieutenant Governor, State of Hawai‘i