

**State of Vermont  
Executive Department  
A Proclamation**

**WHEREAS,** the citizens of Vermont recognize the vital role that swimming and water-related activities play in sustaining good physical and mental health and enhancing the quality of life for all people; and

**WHEREAS,** the citizens of Vermont understand the essential role that education regarding the topic of water safety plays in preventing drownings during recreational water-related injuries; and

**WHEREAS,** the citizens of Vermont 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 providing healthy places to learn, grow, and build self-esteem, confidence, and a sense of self-worth which contributes to the quality of life in our communities; and

**WHEREAS,** the citizens of Vermont 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

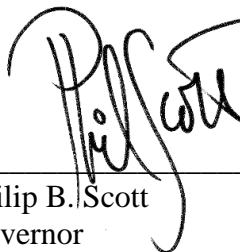
**WHEREAS,** the citizens of Vermont understand the vital importance of communicating water safety rules and programs to families and individuals of all ages, whether owners of private pools, users of public swimming facilities, or visitors to waterparks.

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Philip B. Scott, Governor, do hereby proclaim May 2017 as

**WATER SAFETY MONTH**

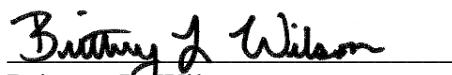
in Vermont.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 16th day of May, A.D. 2017.



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Philip B. Scott  
Governor



  
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Brittney L. Wilson  
Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs