



WHEREAS, drowning is the leading cause of accidental death for children ages 1-4, as well as the second leading cause of death for children under the age of 14; and,

WHEREAS, childhood drowning can occur in pools, bathtubs, hot tubs, decorative garden ponds and even buckets that contain as little as 2 inches of water, and,

WHEREAS, the state's annual "Get Water Wise...SUPERVISE!" campaign was developed in response to a recommendation from the Illinois Child Death Review Team, after it determined that all childhood drowning deaths were preventable if proper adult supervision was provided; and,

WHEREAS, the "Get Water Wise...SUPERVISE!" campaign is a collaborative effort of the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS), Prevent Child Abuse Illinois (PCA Illinois), the American Red Cross Illinois Capital Area Chapter and Illinois Chapter, American Academy of Pediatrics, the Illinois Department of Public Health (DPH), and other community partners who wish to remind the public to help prevent child drowning tragedies by providing adult supervision when children are in or near water; and,

WHEREAS, it is important to recognize that constant adult supervision is needed when children are in or near water:

THEREFORE, I, Pat Quinn, Governor of the State of Illinois, do hereby proclaim May 2011 as **CHILDHOOD DROWNING PREVENTION MONTH** in Illinois.

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



Done at the Capitol, in the City of Springfield,
this FIFTEENTH *day of* APRIL *, in*
the Year of Our Lord two thousand and
ELEVEN *, and of the State of Illinois*
the one hundred and NINETY-THIRD

Jesse White

SECRETARY OF STATE

Pat Quinn

GOVERNOR