


STATE OF ILLINOIS



Proclamation

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 came about as 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, the Illinois Chapter, American Academy of Pediatrics, the Illinois Department of Human Services (DHS), and the Illinois Department of Public Health (DPH) 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 2009 as **CHILDHOOD DROWNING PREVENTION MONTH** in Illinois, to increase awareness of the role that proper adult supervision plays in preventing these tragic deaths.

*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 SIXTEENTH day of APRIL,*  
*in the Year of Our Lord two thousand and*  
*NINE, and of the State of Illinois*  
*the one hundred and NINETY-FIRST*

*Donna White*  
SECRETARY OF STATE

*Pat Quinn*  
GOVERNOR