

**Kenai Peninsula Borough  
Alaska  
Proclamation**

WHEREAS, citizens of the Kenai Peninsula Borough recognize the vital role that swimming and aquatic-related activities relate to good physical and mental health and enhance the quality of life for all people; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of the Kenai Peninsula Borough understand the essential role that education regarding the topic of Water Safety plays in preventing drowning and recreational water-related injuries; and

WHEREAS, the Kenai Peninsula Borough is aware of the contributions made by the North Peninsula Recreation Service Area (Nikiski Pool) in developing safe swimming facilities, aquatic programs, and related activities providing healthy places to recreate, learn and grow, build self-esteem, confidence and sense of self-worth which contributes to the quality of life in our community; and

WHEREAS, the Nikiski Pool offers year-round swimming lessons to all age groups. In the past 7 years the Nikiski Pool has conducted more than 600 sets of learn to swim lessons, with over 2,250 students, and has participated in the annual World's Largest Swimming Lesson program and Water Safety Days to promote water safety awareness; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of the Kenai Peninsula Borough recognize the ongoing efforts and commitments to educate the public on pool and spa safety issues; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of the Kenai Peninsula Borough understand the vital importance of communicating Water Safety rules and programs to families and individuals of all ages as users or visitors of public swimming facilities.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Charlie Pierce, Mayor of the Kenai Peninsula Borough, do hereby proclaim the month of May, 2018 as:

**National Water Safety Month**

in the Kenai Peninsula Borough, and encourage all citizens to learn the importance of water safety, and its role in preventing drowning and recreational water-related injuries.



Charlie Pierce  
Kenai Peninsula Borough Mayor

