



# Proclamation



**Whereas:**

*The Office of the Suffolk County Executive is committed to ensuring the safety of our residents throughout Suffolk County as the summer months approach; and*

**WHEREAS:** *on Saturday, the fourth day of May, in the year two thousand and thirteen, the Long Island Drowning Prevention Task Force (LIDPTF), Saf-T-Swim, and The Smithtown Children's Foundation will come together on Saf-T-Swim's annual Water Safety Day to promote water safety; and*

**WHEREAS:** *the Long Island Drowning Prevention Task Force is working to educate and teach safer behavior to parents, caregivers & children about the dangers and risks associated with being in, on, or near water.*

**WHEREAS:** *As a county, it is desirable that our children are safe and are knowledgeable of the dangers of drowning.*

**WHEREAS:** *We must continue to promote awareness of the dangers of being in, on, or near water, which can cause deaths from drowning; and*

**WHEREAS:** *the Long Island Drowning Prevention Task Force (LIDPTF), Saf-T-Swim, and The Smithtown Children's Foundation will begin to annually fund a new scholarship, "Kids Helping Kids Learn To Swim" which will fund swimming lessons to one family that otherwise would not be able to afford them; and*

**NOW, THEREFORE, I,** Steven Bellone, as County Executive of the County of Suffolk, do hereby recognize the month of May as

## **NATIONAL WATER SAFETY AWARENESS MONTH**

*and pay special tribute to the victims of drowning incidents by continuing to educate children and adults to love and respect the water.*

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF,** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the County of Suffolk to be affixed this fourth day of May, in the year two thousand and thirteen.

**Steven Bellone, County Executive**  
**County of Suffolk, New York**






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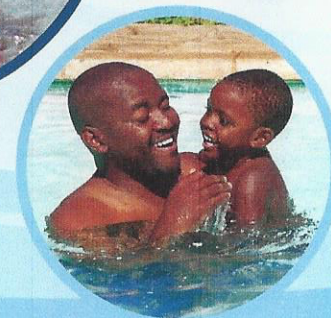
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