

**CLAYTON COUNTY OBSERVES
NATIONAL WATER SAFETY MONTH
MAY 2011**

WHEREAS, the Clayton County Board of Commissioners recognizes the vital role that swimming and aquatic-related activities play in realizing good physical and mental health and enhancing the quality of life for all people; and

WHEREAS, the Clayton County Board of Commissioners understands the essential role that education regarding the topic of Water Safety plays in preventing recreation water related injuries; and

WHEREAS, in an effort to help promote May 2011 as *National Water Safety Month*, the Clayton County Board of Commissioners has authorized the Parks and Recreation Department to participate in the *World's Largest Swimming Lesson* event on June 14, 2011, at the Carl Rhodenizer and Virginia Burton Gray Recreation Centers, and the Steve Lundquist Aquatic Center; and

WHEREAS, the Clayton County Parks and Recreation Department is aware of the contributions made by the recreational water industry, as represented by the National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA), the Association of Pool and Spa Professionals, and the World Waterpark Association in developing safe swimming facilities, aquatic programs and related activities. While simultaneously providing healthy places to enjoy recreational activities, build self-esteem, confidence and a sense of self-worth which contributes to the quality of life in our community; and

WHEREAS, the Clayton County Board of Commissioners understands the vital importance of communicating Water Safety rules and programs to Clayton County families and individuals of all ages, whether owners of private pools, users of public swimming facilities, or visitors to waterparks.

Now therefore, I, Eldrin Bell, Chairman, on behalf of the Clayton County Board of Commissioners, do hereby proclaim the month of **May 2011 as "NATIONAL WATER SAFETY MONTH"** in Clayton, County, Georgia.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of Clayton County, Georgia to be affixed this 10th day of May 2011.

Eldrin Bell, Chairman