

STATE OF INDIANA  
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT  
INDIANAPOLIS

PROCLAMATION

Executive Order

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS MAY COME, GREETING:

- WHEREAS, protecting Hoosier lives represents the paramount initiatives of public safety agencies statewide, and life-saving pursuits can be vastly improved by using accessible technological resources; and
- WHEREAS, according to the 1999 Vital Statistics Report, drowning is the fourth leading cause of unintentional death in the United States, and the third leading cause of death for people ages 5 to 44; and
- WHEREAS, Fort Wayne Community Schools has raised the standard in aquatic safety in Indiana by becoming the first in the state to install Vision IQ's Poseidon, the world's first computer-aided drowning detection system, in its pool; and
- WHEREAS, Poseidon will assist lifeguards at the Helen P. Brown Natatorium at South Side High School by monitoring what is happening in the pool, maintaining vigilance, and alerting them in seconds to a swimmer in trouble; and
- WHEREAS, Poseidon is one of several ways Fort Wayne Community Schools is ensuring that the Helen P. Brown Natatorium is among the safest in the country;
- NOW, THEREFORE, I, FRANK O'BANNON, Governor of the State of Indiana, do hereby proclaim December 13, 2001, as

**POSEIDON SAFE SWIMMING DAY**

in the State of Indiana, and invite all citizens to join me in celebrating Indiana's past accomplishments and its potential for the future.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Indiana at the Capitol in Indianapolis on this 11<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2001.

*Frank O'Bannon*

BY THE GOVERNOR: Frank O'Bannon  
Governor of Indiana

ATTEST:

*Sue Anne Gilroy*  
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Secretary of State

