

WHEREAS, for over 100 million Americans, boating continues to be a popular recreational activity to enjoy time together boating, sailing, paddling, and fishing; and

WHEREAS, during National Safe Boating Week, the U.S. Coast Guard and the National Safe Boating Council, along with federal, state and local safe boating partners, encourage all boaters to explore and enjoy America's beautiful waters responsibly; and

WHEREAS, National Safe Boating Week is observed to bring attention to important life-saving tips for recreational boaters so that they can have a safer and more enjoyable experience out on the water throughout the year; and

WHEREAS, the Coast Guard estimates that human error accounts for most boating accidents and that life jackets could prevent nearly 75 percent of boating fatalities; and

WHEREAS, on average, 650 people die each year in boating-related accidents in the U.S, with 75 percent of these fatalities caused by drowning; and

WHEREAS, a significant number of boaters who lose their lives by drowning each year would be alive today had they worn their life jackets; and

WHEREAS, through basic boating safety procedures, such as carrying lifesaving emergency distress and communications equipment, wearing life jackets, attending safe boating courses, participating in free boat safety checks, and staying sober when navigating, we can help ensure that boaters stay safe throughout the year.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Commission of the City of Coconut Creek, Florida, hereby proclaims the week of May 18-24, 2024, as

“NATIONAL SAFE BOATING WEEK”

to support the goals of the Safe Boating Campaign and urge all those who boat to practice safe boating habits, including wearing a life jacket at all times while boating.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto
set our hands and caused the seal of
the City of Coconut Creek to be affixed
this 9th day of May 2024.**