Proclamation

WHEREAS: in 2007, Sea Tow Founder Captain Joe Fronhoefer created the Sea Tow Foundation – a 501© (3) non-profit organization to promote safe boating practices. The Foundation's goal is to reduce accidents, fatalities and property damage related to recreational boating; and

WHEREAS: on average, 650 people die each year in boating related accidents in the U.S. with 75 percent being due to drowning; and

WHEREAS: Sea Tow Fort Lauderdale's efforts in educating the boating community works closely with the Sea Tow Foundation, the City of Pompano Beach and the local Coast Guard Auxiliary during National Safe Boating Week, May 21 – May 27, 2022; and

WHEREAS: Sea Tow Fort Lauderdale promotes safe boating by performing free vessel checks, making sure each vessel is equipped in case of an emergency, teaching how to choose the right size life jacket, providing local knowledge of our waterways, promoting Sea Tow Foundation Loaner Life Jacket stand and Sober Skipper Program; and

WHEREAS: Sea Tow Fort Lauderdale and the Coast Guard Auxiliary held a Safe Boating Day at Alsdorf Park Ramp on May 21, 2022.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE Mayor and City Commission of the City of Pompano Beach, Florida that **May 21 – May 27, 2022,** was designated as "National Safe Boating Week" in the City of Pompano Beach and all citizens were urged to support the goals of the Safe Boating Campaign and the start of the year-round effort to promote safe boating. We thank Sea Tow Fort Lauderdale for their untiring efforts to educate the public on safe boating practices.

DONE this 12th day of July, 2022.

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REX HARDIN
MAYOR