

Proclamation



WHEREAS: for over 100 million Americans, boating continues to be a popular recreational activity. From coast to coast, and everywhere in between, people are taking to the water and enjoying time together boating, sailing, paddling and fishing. We are fortunate in Pompano Beach that with over 26 miles of waterways and ocean access, we have sufficient resources to accommodate the wide variety of pleasure that boating demands; and

WHEREAS: safe boating begins with preparations. Knowledge and skills are important in reducing human error and improving judgement. Every year lives are lost in boating accidents in spite of the efforts of the U.S. Coast Guard, the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary, the U.S. Sail and Power Squadrons, the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, the Broward Sheriff's Office Marine Patrol, and numerous local agencies. We must continue to spread the message of boating safety; 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 more fun experience out on the water throughout the year; and

WHEREAS: the vast majority of accidents are caused by human error or poor judgement and not by the boat, equipment or environmental factors; 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.

NOW, THEREFORE, I Rex Harden, Mayor of the City of Pompano Beach and on behalf of the City Commission and residents do hereby designate **May 18 – May 24, 2024,** as

NATIONAL SAFE BOATING WEEK

and promote safe boating in Pompano Beach and urge all citizens to support the goals of the Safe Boating Campaign.

DONE this 14th day of May, 2024.



REX HARDIN
MAYOR