## proclamation

WHEREAS: in 2007, Sea Tow Founder Capt. Joe Fronhoefer created the

Sea Tow Foundation - a 501(c) (3) non-profit organizationto promote safe boating practices. The Foundation's goal is to reduce accidents, fatalities and property damage related

to recreational boating; and

WHEREAS: since 2008, the non-profit Sea Tow Foundation, through its

Life Jacket Loaner Stand Program, has loaned more than

29,000 life jackets nationwide; and

WHEREAS: the majority of the Loaner Stand jackets are purchased

through a series of grants from the Sport Fish Restoration and Boating Trust Fund, as administered by the U.S. Coast

Guard; and

WHEREAS: the Loaner program often does not get a "loaner" jacket

returned, resulting in the depletion of life jackets for the

stand; and

WHEREAS: the purpose of the Life Jacket Drive is to collect donations

from the community and local businesses of new and slightly used life jackets to be put into service on area Life Jacket

Loaner stands; and

WHEREAS: these life jackets in a range of sizes will be available for

boaters to borrow free of charge for the day on the water when they do not have enough for all their passengers, or

need a different size.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that I, Lamar Fisher, Mayor, on behalf of the City Commission of Pompano Beach, FL, urge all citizens of this community to show support for this worthy campaign. As a community effort we can work towards the goal of limiting the number of drowning victims we see year after year.

**DONE** this 13<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2017.

Lamar Fisher Mayor