

- WHEREAS: Recreational boating is fun and enjoyable, and we are fortunate in Pompano Beach that we have sufficient resources to accommodate the wide variety of pleasure boating demands; and
- WHEREAS: the City's over 26 miles of waterways with ocean access provide a wide range of commercial and recreational boating opportunities; and
- WHEREAS: 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; and
- WHEREAS: federal, state, and local agencies and private companies and groups have combined their efforts to reduce boating accidents by developing and executing safety training programs such as "Boat Smart Boat Safe" and "Wear It Florida"; and
- WHEREAS: the sponsors of these safety programs have focused their efforts toward the youth and general public of Pompano Beach, urging them to enhance boating pleasure and avoid possible loss of life, while reducing the loss of property; and
- WHEREAS: today's life jackets are more comfortable, more attractive, and more wearable than styles of years past and deserve a fresh look by today's boating public.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE Mayor and City Commission of the City of Pompano Beach, Florida that we do hereby designate May 20 – May 26, 2017, as

NATIONAL SAFE BOATING WEEK

in Pompano Beach and urge all those that boat to "Keep each other Safe" and practice safe boating by wearing a life jacket, taking boating education courses, getting a vessel safety check, and operating their vessels responsibly, safely and soberly.

DONE this 9th day of May, 2017.



LAMAR FISHER MAYOR