



## 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; 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**, through basic boating safety procedures – 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 boaters on America's coastal, inland, and offshore waters stay safe throughout the season; and

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

**WHEREAS**, the vast majority of these accidents are caused by human error or poor judgment 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, THOMAS F. CARNEY, JR.**, Mayor of the City of Delray Beach, Florida, on behalf of the City Commission, do hereby proclaim **the Week of May 16-22, 2026** as:

### **NATIONAL SAFE BOATING WEEK**

in the City of Delray Beach. We urge all those who boat to practice safe boating habits and wear a life jacket at all times while boating.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Official Seal of the City of Delray Beach, Florida, to be affixed this 5<sup>th</sup> day of May 2026.

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Thomas F. Carney, Jr.  
Mayor