

# IN RECOGNITION OF NATIONAL SAFE BOATING WEEK

**MAY 18-24, 2024**

- WHEREAS,** FLORIDA HAS 1,300 MILES OF COASTLINE, 50,000 MILES OF RIVERS, STREAMS AND CANALS, AND 7,800 LAKES FOR FLORIDA RESIDENTS AND VISITORS TO ENJOY, AND FOR WILDLIFE TO INHABIT. THESE AREAS ARE RATED AS THE BEST BOATING AND THE FISHING CAPITOL OF THE WORLD; AND
- WHEREAS,** MILLIONS OF AMERICANS TAKE TO THE WATERWAYS ENJOYING TIME TOGETHER BOATING, SAILING, PADDLE BOARDING, KAYAKING AND FISHING. THE CITY OF HOLLYWOOD, FLORIDA IS FORTUNATE TO HAVE THE RESOURCES TO ACCOMMODATE THESE VARIETIES OF BOATING DEMANDS. THE U.S. COAST GUARD, THE U.S. COAST GUARD AUXILIARY AND ITS FEDERAL, STATE AND LOCAL PARTNERS ENCOURAGE ALL BOATERS TO EXPLORE AND ENJOY OUR BEAUTIFUL WATERWAYS; AND
- WHEREAS,** AMERICANS SHOULD TAKE PRECAUTIONARY ACTIONS TO ENSURE THAT EVERYONE MAKES IT HOME UNHARMED AFTER FUN ON THE WATER. INSPECTING YOUR BOAT THOROUGHLY AND PARTICIPATING IN A FREE VESSEL SAFETY CHECK OFFERED THROUGH THE UNITED STATES COAST GUARD CAN HELP ENSURE BOTH YOU AND YOUR BOAT ARE READY FOR THE WATER; AND
- WHEREAS,** BOATERS SHOULD ALSO WEAR LIFE JACKETS AT ALL TIMES AND MAKE SURE THERE IS ALWAYS SOMEONE ONBOARD WHO IS UNIMPAIRED AND CAPABLE OF OPERATING THE BOAT. THE UNITED STATES COAST GUARD AND ITS FEDERAL, STATE, AND LOCAL PARTNERS ESTIMATE THAT AVOIDING ALCOHOL AND WEARING A LIFE JACKET CAN PREVENT MORE THAN 75 PERCENT OF BOATING FATALITIES; AND
- WHEREAS,** THROUGH BASIC SAFETY PROCEDURES SUCH AS CARRYING EMERGENCY DISTRESS AND COMMUNICATION EQUIPMENT, WEARING LIFE JACKETS, TAKING A SAFE BOATING CLASS, GETTING A FREE BOATING SAFETY CHECK, GETTING AN ENGINE CUT-OFF SWITCH OR LANYARD (REQUIRED FOR VESSELS UNDER 26 FEET), AND STAYING SOBER WHILE OPERATING A VESSEL, WE CAN ENSURE BOATERS ON OUR CROWDED INLAND AND OFFSHORE WATERWAYS STAY SAFE THROUGHOUT THE YEAR; AND
- WHEREAS,** KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS ARE IMPORTANT IN REDUCING HUMAN ERROR AND IMPROVING JUDGEMENT. THAT IS WHY WE MUST CONTINUE TO PASS THE WORD ABOUT BOATING SAFETY, NOT ONLY DURING NATIONAL SAFE BOATING WEEK, BUT THROUGHOUT THE ENTIRE YEAR; NOW
- THEREFORE,** JOSH LEVY, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF HOLLYWOOD, FLORIDA, AND THE HOLLYWOOD CITY COMMISSION, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM MAY 18 – 24, 2024 AS:

## **NATIONAL SAFE BOATING WEEK** IN THE CITY OF HOLLYWOOD, FLORIDA

SIGNED THIS 15<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF  
MAY 2024 AT  
HOLLYWOOD, FLORIDA

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