Proclamation



Town of Carolina Beach Town Council

PROCLAMATION NO. 21-2235

## A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF CAROLINA BEACH, NORTH CAROLINA PROCLAIMING THE WEEK OF MAY 22-28, 2021 AS SAFE BOATING WEEK

WHEREAS, the beautiful coastal waters of Carolina Beach represent a world renowned recreational resource that residents and visitors alike are drawn to each year for water and beach activities; and

**WHEREAS**, year-round, people continue to enjoy all that our natural environment has to offer through the joy of boating; and

WHEREAS, on average, 613 people die in the U.S. each year in boatingrelated accidents, with approximately 80% of these deaths caused by drowning; and

WHEREAS, in approximately 86% of drowning cases, the victim was not wearing a life jacket; and

**WHEREAS,** it is apparent that wearing a life jacket is the single most important factor in reducing boating-related deaths; and

WHEREAS, the National Safe Boating Council, supported by the U.S. Coast Guard and other national organizations, has set May 22 through 28 as National Safe Boating Week;

**NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED** that the Town Council of the Town of Carolina Beach proclaims May 22-28, 2021 as Safe Boating Week in this Town; and **urges all persons to wear a life jacket at all times while boating**.

This Resolution is adopted this 11<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2021.

LeAnn Pierce, Mayor

Attest: Kimberlee Ward, Town Clerk

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