## **Proclamation**



## Town of Carolina Beach Town Council

## PROCLAMATION NO. 24-2303

## A PROCLAMATION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF CAROLINA BEACH, NORTH CAROLINA PROCLAIMING THE WEEK OF MAY 18-24, 2024 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 boating-related 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. Power Squadron and other national organizations, has set May 18 through 24 as National Safe Boating Week;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the Town Council of the Town of Carolina Beach supports the U.S. Coast Guard and the Cape Fear Sail and Power Squadron and thereby proclaims May 18-24, 2024 as Safe Boating Week in this Town; and urges all persons to wear a life jacket at all times while boating.

This Proclamation is adopted this 9th day of April, 2024.

TOWN OF CAROLINA BEACH
Albert L. Barbee, Mayor
ATTEST:
Kimberlee T. Ward, Town Clerk

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