

Proclamation



Town of Carolina Beach
Town Council

PROCLAMATION NO. 23-2285

**A PROCLAMATION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL
OF CAROLINA BEACH, NORTH CAROLINA
PROCLAIMING THE WEEK OF MAY 20-26, 2023
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 20 through 26 as National Safe Boating Week;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY PROCLAIMED 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 20-26, 2023 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 May, 2023.

TOWN OF CAROLINA BEACH

Albert L. Barbee, Mayor

ATTEST:

Kimberlee Ward, Town Clerk