



Office of the City Commission

Proclamation

WHEREAS, for over 100 million Americans boating continues to be a popular recreational activity; 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, on average, 650 people die each year in boating-related accidents in the U.S, and 75 percent of these are fatalities are 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; and

WHEREAS, through basic boating safety procedures including 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, National Safe Boating Week is observed to bring attention to important life-saving tips for recreational boaters so that they can have a safer, more fun experience out on the water throughout the year.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GREG ROSS, Mayor of the City of Cooper City, Broward County, Florida, and the City Commission, do hereby support the goals of the Safe Boating Campaign and proclaim May 18-24, 2024 as

National Safe Boating Week

and the start of the year-round effort to promote safe boating and wearing a life jacket at all times while boating.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the great Seal of the City of Cooper City, Broward County, Florida, to be affixed on this 30th day of April 2024.

GREG ROSS
Mayor, City of Cooper City