



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, on average, 650 people die each year in boating related accidents in the U.S., with the vast majority of those accidents caused by human error and 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, the City of Lake Forest Park is bounded by two miles of shoreline on Lake Washington; and

WHEREAS, a large number of Lake Forest Park's residents of all ages engage in recreational boating and paddling; and

WHEREAS, the mission of the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary, Division 2, overseeing the Northshore area, is to promote and improve recreational boating safety by teaching boating safety courses and conducting vessel safety checks.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Mayor and City Council of the City of Lake Forest Park do hereby proclaim May 16 to 22, 2026 as

NATIONAL SAFE BOATING AND PADDLING WEEK

and urge all those who boat or paddle to practice safe boating and paddling habits and wear a life jacket at all times while boating and paddling.

Signed this 14th day of May 2026

Thomas French, Mayor