



## 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 17 to 23, 2025, 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 8<sup>th</sup> day of May 2025

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Thomas French, Mayor