



**City of Medina, Washington
PROCLAMATION**

NATIONAL SAFE BOATING AND PADDLING WEEK

- WHEREAS,** The City of Medina is adjacent to Lake Washington and is close to other navigable waterways; and
- WHEREAS,** Many Medina residents of all ages engage in recreational boating and paddling; and
- WHEREAS,** With the surge of Americans engaging in paddling activities since 2020, many without any training, paddling fatalities now constitute more than 25% of all boating fatalities nation-wide; and
- WHEREAS,** The vast majority of serious boating and paddling accidents are caused by lack of training, human error or poor judgment; 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,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jessica Rossman, Mayor of City of Medina, Washington, and on behalf of the City Council, do hereby proclaim the week of May 16-22, 2026, as

MEDINA SAFE BOATING and PADDLING WEEK

And encourage all of Medina's residents to dedicate themselves to learning about and practicing safe boating, including wearing life jackets. The city provides loaner life jackets for daily use during the summer swim season at Medina Beach Park.

Jessica Rossman, Mayor