

PROCLAMATION

National Safe Boating Week

Recent tragic events in our area have focused our attention on boating safety. It is fitting therefore to emphasize the upcoming National Safe Boating Week as yet another way of avoiding another tragedy.

Knowledge and skills are important in reducing human error and improving judgment. If people are aware of the risk, they are likely to take the precautionary measures to protect themselves and their friends and family. That is why we must continue to spread the messages of boating safety not only during National Safe Boating Week but also throughout the entire year.

Whereas, on average, 700 people die each year in boating-related accidents in the U.S.; approximately 71% of these are fatalities 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, today's life jackets are more comfortable, more attractive, and more wearable than styles of years past and deserve a fresh look by today's boating public.

Therefore, we do hereby support the goals of the North American Safe Boating Campaign and officially recognize and designate May 21st - 27th, 2016 as National Safe Boating Week.

PASSED AND DULY ADOPTED this 25th day of May, 2016.

**TOWN OF JUNO BEACH,
FLORIDA**

Jason Haselkorn, Mayor

ATTEST:

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