

Proclamation

DESIGNATING MAY 18TH THROUGH MAY 24TH AS NATIONAL SAFE BOATING WEEK IN INDIAN RIVER COUNTY

Whereas, for millions of Americans, including those in Indian River County, boating continues to be a popular recreational activity; and

Whereas, during National Safe Boating Week, the U.S. Coast Guard and its federal, state, and local safe boating partners encourage all boaters to explore and enjoy America's beautiful waters safely and responsibly; and

Whereas, safe boating begins with preparation through basic Boating Safety Training, on procedures and equipment, as well as outing planning and preparation; and

Whereas, hundreds of people lose their life each year in boating-related accidents in the United States and it is estimated that the vast majority of all boating-related accidents are caused solely by human error or poor judgement and not by the boat, equipment, or environmental factors; and

Whereas, a significant number of boaters whose lives were lost by drowning would still be alive today if they had worn their life jackets.

Now, Therefore, be it Proclaimed by the Board of County Commissioners of Indian River County, Florida, do hereby proclaim the week of May 18th through May 24th, 2024 as "NATIONAL SAFE BOATING WEEK" with the renewal of a year-round effort to promote safe boating. We urge all those who are on the water to attend a Safe Boating Class, practice safe boating habits, and to wear a life jacket at all times while boating.

Adopted this 21st day of May, 2024.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS INDIAN RIVER COUNTY, FLORIDA

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