

Proclamation

DESIGNATING MAY 17TH THROUGH MAY 23RD AS NATIONAL SAFE BOATING WEEK IN INDIAN RIVER COUNTY

Whereas, for millions of Americans, including residents of 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, on average, 650 people die each year in boating-related accidents in the United States and it is estimated that the vast majority of these 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, we hereby proclaim the week of May 17th through May 23rd, 2025 as "NATIONAL SAFE BOATING WEEK" and encourage safe boating year-round. We encourage all citizens to practice safe boating habits and wear a life jacket at all times while on the water.

Adopted this 20th day of May 2025.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
INDIAN RIVER COUNTY, FLORIDA**

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