

PROCLAMATION



State of Florida
Collier County
City of Marco Island

National Safe Boating Week May 18 – May 24, 2024

WHEREAS, on average, 650 people die each year in boating related accidents in the United States; approximately 76 percent 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, the City Council of the City of Marco Island does hereby support the goals of the Safe Boating Campaign and proclaim the week of May 18 through May 24, 2024 as National Safe Boating Week and the start of the year-round effort to promote safe boating.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, the City Council of the City of Marco Island urges all those who boat to practice safe boating habits and wear a life jacket at all times while boating.

DONE AND ORDERED this 20th day of May 2024.

Jared Grifoni, Council Chairman

ATTEST

Joan Taylor, City Clerk