

# PROCLAMATION



State of Florida  
Collier County  
City of Marco Island

**National Safe Boating Week  
May 18 – May 24, 2019**

**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.

**NOW, 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, 2019 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 6<sup>th</sup> day of May 2019.

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Erik Brechnitz, Council Chairman

**ATTEST**

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Laura Litzan, City Clerk