

WHEREAS, on average, 650 people die each year in boating-related accidents in the U.S.; approximately three-fourths 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, the United States Coast Guard is promoting the use of appropriate safety measures to save lives and reduce the number of injuries caused by boating accidents while highlighting the importance of wearing life jackets which have become more comfortable, attractive, stylish and wearable than in the past.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Linda Hudson, Mayor of the City of Fort Pierce, Florida, do hereby proclaim the week of May 20 – 26, 2017, as:

“National Safe Boating Week”

and encourage all citizens to not only practice safe boating habits, but to also “Wear It!”

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Official Seal of the City of Fort Pierce, Florida, to be affixed this 15th day of May, 2017.

MAYOR / COMMISSIONER