

**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. That is why May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2019 is “Wear Your Lifejacket to Work Day”; 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 support the goals of the Safe Boating Campaign and proclaim the week of May 18 – 24, 2019, as:

## **“National Safe Boating Week”**

and urge all those who always boat to practice safe boating habits, wear a life jacket, attend safe boating classes and be safe at all times while out on the waters.

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

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**MAYOR/COMMISSIONER**