

THE VILLAGE OF ESTERO

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, National Safe Boating Week is observed to bring attention to important life-saving tips for recreational boaters so that they can have a safer, more fun experience out on the water throughout the year; and

WHEREAS, on average, 600 people die each year in boating-related accidents in the U.S.; 79 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.

WHEREAS, Flotilla 96 of the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary is tasked with supporting the active duty Coast Guard by promoting Recreational Boating Safety in the Estero area; and

WHEREAS, Flotilla 96 has been named "Flotilla of the Year" in Southwest Florida and plans to offer an ambitious boating safety program during the week of May 21-27; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Katy Errington, Mayor of the Village of Estero, Lee County, Florida, do hereby support the goals of the Safe Boating Campaign and proclaim May 21-27, 2022 as National Safe Boating Week and the start of the year-round effort to promote safe boating.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I urge all those who boat to practice safe boating habits and wear a life jacket at all times while boating and have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the Village of Estero to be affixed, this 18th day of May, 2022.



Katy Errington, Mayor

