

# THE VILLAGE OF ESTERO *PROCLAMATION*

**WHEREAS**, On average 660 people die each year in boating related accidents in the United States; 80 percent of those are fatalities caused by drowning; and;

**WHEREAS**, the vast majority of these accidents are caused by human error or poor judgement and not by the boat or equipment; 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**, Flotilla 96 of the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary is tasked with supporting the active duty United States Coast Guard by promoting Recreational Boating Safety in Bonita Springs, and;

**WHEREAS**, Flotilla 96 plans to offer boating safety classes, vessel safety checks and other ambitious boating safety awareness programs during the week of May 18-24, 2024; and;

**WHEREAS**, the residents and the Village of Estero Council wish to recognize Flotilla 96 of the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary for their honorable service.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Mayor Jon McLain, of the Village of Estero, Lee County, Florida, do hereby support the goals of the Safe Boating Campaign and proclaim May 18-24 as "National Safe Boating Week" to urge all those who boat to practice safe boating habits and wear a life jacket at all times while navigating the waterways of southwest Florida.

**IN WITNESS THEREFORE**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the Village of Estero to be affixed, this day of 1<sup>st</sup> day of May 2024.

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Jon McLain, Mayor

