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Each year, the Mayor of the City of Venice invites our Commander and the Commander of the Power Squadron to attend a Council Meeting at which time he issues a Proclamation designating a particular week as National Safe Boating Week. I encourage you to read it.



Proclamation

Whereas, water related recreational activities are vital elements in the lives of the citizens of the City of Venice; and

Whereas, Florida's 8,400 miles of saltwater coastline, 3 million acres of inland lakes and 11,000 miles of rivers and streams provide for many of the needed outlets for recreation and relaxation; and

Whereas, recreational boating is one of Florida's leading outdoor activities with more than 4 million residents participating in this pastime; and

Whereas, Florida is the fastest growing recreational boating state in the nation with over 718,000 registered vessels and increasing at over 10,000 vessels each year; and

Whereas, every year lives are lost in boating accidents in spite of the educational efforts of the Florida Marine Patrol, U.S. Coast Guard, U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary, U.S. Power Squadrons, Florida Game and Fresh Water Fish Commission and local agencies; and

Whereas, the sponsors of these safety programs have addressed their efforts to the youth and general public of Florida, urging them to enhance boating pleasure and avoid possible loss of life and property damage; and

Whereas, we the citizens of the City of Venice affirm and support the goals of boating safety on a year round basis.

Now, Therefore, I, Ed Martin, Mayor of the City of Venice, on behalf of the Venice City Council do hereby proclaim May 17 through May 23, 2008 as National Safe Boating Week in the City of Venice and urge all citizens who use our waterways to join in learning and practicing safe boating and have their boats inspected for the proper safety equipment.

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