



City of Isle of Palms, South Carolina
Proclamation 2024-05

To Proclaim May 18-24, 2024, as National Safe Boating Week

WHEREAS, the Low Country is blessed with a dazzling abundance of salt and freshwater venues offering ready access for those residents and visitors wishing to enjoy recreational boating and fishing; and

WHEREAS, a steadily growing interest in such pursuits can result in waterways crowded with people new to the activity and unfamiliar with the practices and behaviors that keep everyone safe; and

WHEREAS, ignorance of maritime "Rules of the Road," consuming alcohol and recreational drugs while operating watercraft, excessive speeding, and failure to wear a personal flotation device exemplify hazardous conduct; and

WHEREAS, on average, 650 people die each year in boating-related accidents in the U.S.; 75 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; and

WHEREAS, most tragedies on the water can be prevented by acquiring the knowledge of safe boat handling, exercising common sense and self-control and exhibiting respect for others; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Isle of Palms City Council do hereby support the goals of the Safe Boating Campaign and proclaim May 18-24, 2024, as National Safe Boating Week and the start of the year-round effort to promote safe boating.

PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF ISLE OF PALMS, SOUTH CAROLINA, ON THE 23 DAY OF April, 2024.


Phillip Pounds, Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk

