



# Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, for over 100 million Americans, boating continues to be a popular recreational activity. During National Safe Boating Week, the U.S. Coast Guard and its federal, state, and local safe boating partners encourage all boaters to explore and enjoy America's beautiful waters responsibly; and

**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, 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.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I**, Kent Guinn, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Ocala, Florida, do hereby proclaim May 21 – 27, 2022 as:

## **SAFE BOATING WEEK**

in the City of Ocala and call upon the people of Ocala to urge all those who boat to practice safe boating habits and wear a life jacket while boating.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Official Seal of the City of Ocala, Florida, to be affixed this 21<sup>st</sup> day of May 2022.

Kent Guinn, Mayor  
City of Ocala

