

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, recreational boating is an enjoyable family activity; and

WHEREAS, the area in which we live provides us with ample resources to make that activity available to community members and visitors; and

WHEREAS, while boating is a wonderful source of recreation, it can be a risky activity for those who are not well prepared; and

WHEREAS, knowledge and skills are vitally important in reducing human error and improving judgment during recreational boating; and

WHEREAS, boating accidents are declining due to increased education and training; and

WHEREAS, boaters who lose their lives due to drowning are most likely not wearing a proper fitting life jacket of appropriate type; and

WHEREAS, life jackets of modern design are more comfortable, more attractive, and more wearable than those of the past, and should be an enjoyable part of the boating experience; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Chuck Bennett, Mayor of the City of Salem, do hereby proclaim May 20-26, 2017, as

NATIONAL SAFE BOATING WEEK

and invite the community to join me in supporting the efforts of boating safety professionals to promote safe boating education, and encouraging safe boating habits.

DATED this eighth day of May, 2017.



Chuck Bennett
Mayor