

Proclamation



“NATIONAL SAFE BOATING WEEK” MAY 18 – 24, 2019

Whereas, recreational boating is fun and enjoyable, and while being a marvelous source of recreation, boating, to the unprepared, can be a risky sport; and

Whereas, not knowing or obeying the Navigation Rules or the nautical “Rules of the Road,” drinking alcohol or taking drugs while operating a boat or choosing not to wear your life jacket when doing so is clearly not the smart thing to do. These are all examples of human error or a lack of proper judgment; and

Whereas, one particular behavior that can reduce the number of boaters who lose their lives by drowning each year by approximately 80% is the wearing of a life jacket. It is a simple task that has the potential to reduce terrible loss in lives; and

Whereas, on average, 650 people die each year in boating-related accidents in the U.S.; nearly 80% of these are fatalities caused by drowning; 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, modern life jackets are more comfortable, more attractive, and more wearable than styles of years past and deserve a fresh look by today’s boating public; and

Whereas, we, the citizens of North Port, affirm and support the goals of the National Safe Boating Council and our local U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 92.

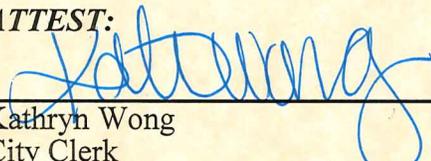
Now, Therefore, We, the City Commission of The City of North Port, Florida do hereby proclaim the week of May 18 –24, 2019 as:

National Safe Boating Week

in the City of North Port and urge all who use our waterways to acquire skills and knowledge to maintain their own safety and the safety of those around them.

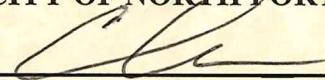
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, WE have hereunto set our hands and seal of the City of North Port, Florida, to be affixed this 2nd day of May 2019.

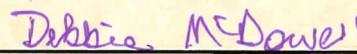
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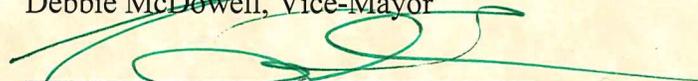

Kathryn Wong
City Clerk

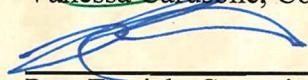


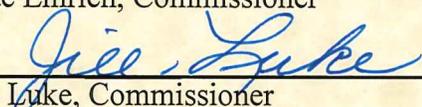
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