



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, boating continues to be a popular recreational activity for more than 100 million Americans. During National Safe Boating Week, the U.S. Coast Guard and its state and local safe boating partners encourage boaters to explore and enjoy the waters responsibly; and

WHEREAS, safe boating begins with appropriate preparation. The Coast Guard estimates that human error accounts for the majority of boating accidents annually; and that the use of life jackets could prevent nearly 86% of recreational boating fatalities; and

WHEREAS, National Safe Boating Week is observed to reinforce awareness of and attention to important life-saving procedures so recreational boaters can be safe and have enjoyable 'on the water' experiences throughout the year; and

WHEREAS, the Mississippi Maritime Museum is a local Community Leader in Maritime Education and in actively promoting Safe Boating Awareness, and

WHEREAS, our local Flotilla of the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary is chartered, by an Act of the United States Congress, to promote Recreational Boating Safety, through Educational and Boating Safety Awareness Programs, and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Coast Guard and specifically USCG Station Pascagoula proactively supports local initiatives promoting Maritime Safety.

Now, Therefore, I Jay Willis, Mayor of the City of Pascagoula, Mississippi do hereby support the goals of the North American Safe Boating Campaign and proclaim May 21 – May 27, 2022 National Safe Boating Week to reinforce awareness of and attention to important life-saving skills. These necessary skills can provide boaters and occupants the knowledge to safely enjoy their boating experience throughout the Mississippi Coastal Region.

Jay Willis
Mayor