



PROCLAMATION

NATIONAL SAFE BOATING WEEK

WHEREAS, for over 100 million Americans, boating continues to be a popular recreational activity. From coast to coast folks are taking to the water and enjoying time together boating, sailing, paddling and fishing. During National Safe Boating Week, the U.S. Coast Guard, and its state and local safe boating partners, encourage boaters to explore and enjoy America's beautiful waters responsibly; and

WHEREAS, on average, 650 people die each year in boating related incidents in the U.S.; of which 75% of these are fatalities caused by drowning; and

WHEREAS, the majority of these incidents are not caused by the boat, equipment or environmental factors but by human error and/or poor judgement; and

WHEREAS, a significant number of recreational boaters who lose their lives by drowning each year would be alive today if they had taken appropriate safety precautions and worn their life jackets; and

WHEREAS, we recognize the goals of the National Safe Boating Campaign are proactively supported by USCG Station Pascagoula, Flotilla 38 of the USCG Auxiliary and our Mississippi Shipbuilding and Maritime Center on the interest of promoting Recreational Boating Safety; and

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 20 – May 26, 2023 National Safe Boating Week, in the Flagship City of Pascagoula, Mississippi, to reinforce awareness of and attention to important life-saving skills that can provide our recreational boaters with the knowledge to safely enjoy their boating experience throughout the Mississippi Coastal Region.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, we have hereunto affixed the seal of the City of Pascagoula on this, the 2nd day of May 2023.

Jay Willis, Mayor

