

*The Town of Hilton Head Island*

# *Proclamation*

*WHEREAS*, for nearly 90 million Americans, boating, sailing, paddling, and fishing continues to be a popular recreational activity for people to enjoy time together while exploring our nations waterways; 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; and

*WHEREAS*, on average, 650 people die each year in boating-related accidents in the U.S.; approximately three-fourths 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 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*, the U.S. Coast Guard prepared a Resolution, and on June 4, 1958, President Dwight D. Eisenhower signed PL 85-445, to establish **National Safe Boating Week**, which was eventually recognized as the full week (Saturday – Friday) before Memorial Day Weekend each year; and

*WHEREAS*, Hilton Head/Bluffton Flotilla 10-11 D7 and its members have exhibited compassion, understanding, and professionalism during the performance of their job in the past year as “lifesavers” in emergency situations.

**THEREFORE, I, John J. McCann, Mayor of the Town of Hilton Head Island, do hereby proclaim May 16, 2020 as:**

**U.S. COAST GUARD AUXILIARY HILTON HEAD/BLUFFTON  
FLOTILLA 10-11 D7 DAY**

*in support of their year-round effort to promote safe boating; and*

**NOW THEREFORE, I, John J. McCann, Mayor of the Town of Hilton Head Island, do hereby proclaim Furthermore the week of May 16 – 22, 2020 as:**

**NATIONAL BOAT SAFETY WEEK**

**IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused this seal of the Town of Hilton Head Island to be affixed this 6<sup>th</sup> day of April, in the year of our Lord, two thousand and twenty.

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John J. McCann, Mayor

Attest:

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Krista M. Wiedmeyer, Town Clerk