

City of Tarpon Springs, Florida

PROCLAMATION

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

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

WHEREAS, safe boating begins with preparation. The Coast Guard estimates that human error accounts for most boating accidents and that life jackets could prevent nearly 83 percent of boating fatalities; and

WHEREAS, through basic boating safety procedures; carrying lifesaving emergency distress and communication equipment, attending safe boating courses, and wearing life jackets can ensure boaters stay safe throughout the season; and

WHEREAS, National Safe Boating Week is observed to bring attention to important life-saving tips for recreational boaters, the City of Tarpon Springs recognizes the support of Tarpon Springs Flotilla 11-9 of the Coast Guard Auxiliary and our federal, state, and local safe boating partners in their effort to educate the public and promote safe boating.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Costa S. Vatikiotis, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Tarpon Springs, Florida, do hereby proclaim the week of May 20-26, 2023 as

NATIONAL SAFE BOATING WEEK

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Tarpon Springs, Florida, to be affixed this 23rd day of May 2023.

City Clerk & Collector

Mayor