

**Before the Board of County Commissioners
Martin County, Florida**

A Proclamation

Declaring National Safe Boating Week in Martin County, Florida

- Whereas,** on average, 550 people die annually in boating-related accidents in the United States, of which nearly 77% are caused by drowning and 87% of victims are not wearing a life jacket; 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,** the vast majority of these accidents are caused by human error or poor judgment and not by the boat, equipment or environmental factors; 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,** Flotilla 59 of the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary, based in Martin County's Sandsprit Park, participates in the annual National Safe Boating Week campaign to promote boating safety and encourages the boating public to wear life jackets when enjoying the region's waterways.

Now, therefore, be it proclaimed that the Martin County Board of County Commissioners is commending the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 59 for their efforts in furthering the goals of the National Safe Boating Week campaign, May 16-22, 2026 and their year-round efforts to promote safe boating.

Presented this Nineteenth Day of May 2026

ATTEST:

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