

**PROCLAMATION  
NATIONAL SAFE BOATING WEEK**

For over 100 million Americans, boating continues to be a popular recreational activity. From coast to coast people 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 all boaters to explore and enjoy America's beautiful waters responsibly.

Safe boating begins with 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. Through the adoption of basic boating safety procedures such as carrying emergency distress and communication equipment, wearing proper life jackets, participating in Boating Safety courses, subscribing to annual Boat Safety checks, avoiding alcohol use while at the helm; we can ensure recreational boaters on America's coastal, inland and offshore waters stay safe.

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 throughout the year.

**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 (Eighth Coast Guard District Coastal Region) 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, Billy E. Knight, Sr., Mayor of the City of Moss Point, 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.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have here unto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Moss Point, Mississippi to be affixed, this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of May, 2022.

Signed

  
Billy E. Knight, Sr.  
Mayor, City of Moss Point

