

# Proclamation

- WHEREAS, for nearly 100 million Americans, boating continues to be a popular recreational activity. From coast to coast, and everywhere in between, 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 federal, state, and local safe boating partners encourage all boaters to explore and enjoy America's beautiful waters responsibly, 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 throughout the year, and;
- WHEREAS, on average, 600 people die each year in boating-related accidents in the U.S.; 79 percent 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;
- 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, safe boating begins with preparation. Through basic boating safety procedures – carrying lifesaving emergency distress and communications equipment, wearing life jackets, attending safe boating courses, participating in free boat safety checks, and staying sober when navigating – we can help ensure boaters on America's coastal, inland, and offshore waters stay safe throughout the season.

Now, therefore, I, Justin M. Nickels, Mayor of the City of Manitowoc, do hereby support the goals of the Safe Boating Campaign and proclaim May 22<sup>nd</sup> – May 28<sup>th</sup>, 2021, as

## National Safe Boating Week

in the City of Manitowoc and I encourage all citizens to practice safe boating habits and wear a life jacket at all times while boating.



In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the City of Manitowoc to be affixed. Done at City Hall in the City of Manitowoc this 17th day of May, Twenty Twenty-One.

  
Justin M. Nickels, Mayor