PROCLAMATION
SAFE BOATING WEEK
May 16-22, 2020

Commending United States Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 59 Stuart

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 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, the Coast Guard estimates that human error accounts for 70% of all boating accidents and that life jackets could prevent 85% of boating fatalities. On average 650 people die each year in boating-related accidents in the United States and 76% of boating fatalities are caused by drowning and a significant number of boaters would be alive today had they worn their life jackets; and

WHEREAS, 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 while navigating – we can help ensure that boaters on America's coastal, inland, and offshore waters stay safe throughout the season; and

WHEREAS, 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.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Michael J. Meier, Mayor of the City of Stuart, Florida do hereby proclaim the week of May 16th – 22th, 2020, as

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in the City of Stuart, Florida and encourages our citizens who boat to practice safe boating habits and wear a life jacket at all times while boating.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Stuart, Florida to be affixed this 11th day of May, 2020.

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MICHAEL J. MEIER
MAYOR