PROCLAMATION
SAFE BOATING WEEK
May 22 - 28, 2021

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, safe boating begins with preparation. The Coast Guard estimates that human error accounts for most boating accidents and that life jackets could prevent 86% of boating fatalities. 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, on average, 600 people die each year in boating-related accidents in the U.S.; 79% of these are fatalities are 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.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Eula R. Clarke, Mayor of the City of Stuart, Florida do hereby support the goals of the Safe Boating Campaign and proclaim **May 22 – 28, 2021**, as **Safe Boating Week** and the start of the year-round effort to promote safe boating and urge all those 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 10th day of May, 2021.

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EULA R. CLARKE
MAYOR