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A PROCLAMATION IN SUPPORT OF NATIONAL SAFE BOATING WEEK

May 21 - 27, 2018

WHEREAS, recreational boating is fun and enjoyable and the citizens and visitors of Sullivan's Island are fortunate that we have sufficient resources to accommodate the wide variety of pleasure boating demands; and,

WHEREAS, at times our waterways can become crowded and boating, to the unprepared, can be a risky activity; and,

WHEREAS, not knowing or obeying the Navigation Rules or the nautical "Rules of the Road" or drinking alcohol or taking drugs while operating a boat are examples of human error or a lack of proper judgment; and,

WHEREAS, on average, seven hundred (700) people die each year in boating-related accidents in the U.S.; approximately seventy percent (70%) of these are fatalities caused by drowning; and,


WHEREAS, the vast majority of these accidents are caused by human error 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 exercised greater judgement and safety on the water,

So, **THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED** on this day, May 15, 2018, that the Mayor and Town Council of Sullivan's Island, on behalf of the Town, do urge all those who boat to wear a life jacket and practice safe boating habits.


Patrick M. O'Neil, Mayor

Attest:


Courtney E. Liles, Town Clerk