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Village of Westmont
NATIONAL BOATING SAFETY WEEK
May 20-26, 2023

WHEREAS, for over 100 million Americans, boating continues to be a popular recreational activity; people take to the water from coast to coast and everywhere in between; **and**

WHEREAS, the U.S. Coast Guard and all its partners encourage safe practices as boaters enjoy America's beautiful waters responsibly; **and**

WHEREAS, safe boating begins with preparation; **and**

WHEREAS, the Coast Guard estimates that human error accounts for most boating accidents; **and**

WHEREAS, basic boating safety procedures: carrying emergency distress/communication equipment, wearing life jackets, attending safe boating courses, free boat safety checks, & staying sober when navigating can help ensure boater safety; **and**

WHEREAS, on average, 650 people die each year in boating related accidents in the U.S; 75% of the fatalities are caused by drowning; **and**

WHEREAS, the vast majority of these accidents are caused by human error and poor judgment; **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**

THEREFORE, I, Ronald J. Gunter Mayor of the Village of Westmont, do hereby support the goals of the Safe Boating Campaign and proclaim May 20-26, 2023 as National Safe Boating Week and the start of the year-round effort to promote safe boating..

In Witness Thereof, I urge all citizens who boat to practice safe boating habits and wear a life jacket at all times while boating.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Mayor and Board of Trustees of the Village of Westmont, DuPage County, Illinois, this 18th day of May, 2023.

Ayes: _____ Nays: _____ Absent: _____

Ronald J. Gunter
Mayor

Attest: _____
Virginia Szymski
Village Clerk