



Proclamation

In Recognition of

National Safe Boating Week

WHEREAS, a vibrant ocean environment and moderate weather year-round provides many recreational boating activities for residents and visitors in the State of Hawai'i; and

WHEREAS, recreational boats are used for a wide variety of activities, including fishing, water skiing, hunting, sailing, paddling, or just cruising; and

WHEREAS, each year, lives and property are needlessly lost or damaged in boating accidents, many of which result from a lack of basic knowledge of boating and ocean safety; and

WHEREAS, even during short expeditions, boaters and non-boaters can be affected by accidents on the water; and

WHEREAS, safe boating education has helped to decrease boating casualties by more than 50 percent; and

WHEREAS, it is important for all persons to know that life jackets when properly worn, and proper safety equipment on board a vessel, which includes a VHF Radio or Emergency Position Indicating Radio Beacon (EPIRB), can help save lives; and

WHEREAS, leaving a float plan with a relative, friend, or neighbor can do much to take the "search" out of Search and Rescue; and

WHEREAS, the State Department of Land and Natural Resources, Hawaii Sail and Power Squadron, Honolulu Sail and Power Squadron, U. S. Coast Guard Auxiliary, and the U. S. Coast Guard are committed to educating vessel operators about ocean safety by offering safe boating courses; conducting safety displays at harbors, boat ramps, yacht clubs, and shopping centers; examining boats for safety equipment; and taking part in other activities to keep boaters in Hawaiian waters safe;

THEREFORE I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor, and I, DOUGLAS S. CHIN, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim May 19 - 25, 2018 as

"SAFE BOATING WEEK"

in Hawai'i, in conjunction with National Safe Boating Week, to kick off the annual awareness campaign for yearlong safe boating, and urge all boaters to wear a life jacket, carry a VHF radio or EPIRB, obtain safe boating education, get a vessel safety check, and practice safe boating.

DONE at the State Capitol, in Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this fourteenth day of May 2018.

DAVID Y. IGE
Governor, State of Hawai'i

DOUGLAS S. CHIN
Lt. Governor, State of Hawai'i