



Proclamation

WHEREAS, the mission of the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary, the uniformed, all-volunteer component of the U.S. Coast Guard, is to promote and improve recreational boating safety, provide trained crews and facilities to augment the Coast Guard, and enhance the safety and security of our ports, waterways and coastal regions; and

WHEREAS, the waters surrounding the State of Hawai'i provide some of the most exciting and beautiful ocean recreation opportunities in the world, and its residents and visitors enjoy a multitude of recreational activities including boating, diving, fishing, and surfing; and

WHEREAS, boating-related tragedies may result if vessel operators are not properly trained in safe vessel handling; adequate safety equipment is not carried on board; vessels are not properly identified; or proper rules are not followed; and

WHEREAS, basic ocean safety knowledge may help prevent boating accidents that result in the loss of lives and property damage; and

WHEREAS, always remembering to leave a float plan with a reliable relative, friend or neighbor can do much to assist the "search" of the search and rescue; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary District 14 promotes safe ocean use practices by assisting in search and rescue missions, teaching safe boating classes, conducting free vessel safety checks for the public, and taking part in other activities with numerous agencies, private groups, and community organizations to help keep everyone in the State of Hawai'i safe near shore and in open waters,

THEREFORE I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor of the **State of Hawai'i**, do hereby proclaim May 20–27, 2022 as

“NATIONAL SAFE BOATING WEEK”

in Hawai'i and ask the people of the Aloha State to join me in encouraging our residents and visitors to safely enjoy ocean recreation activities by wearing life jackets, carrying a Very High Frequency (VHF) radio and obtaining safe boating education.

Done at the State Capitol in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this twentieth day of May 2022.



DAVID Y. IGE
Governor, State of Hawai'i