RESOLUTION NO. 93–106

WHEREAS, water-related recreational activities are vital elements in the lives of the citizens of Nassau County; and

WHEREAS, Florida's 8400 miles of saltwater tidal coastline, 3 million acres of inland lakes and 11,000 miles of rivers and streams provide for many of the needed outlets for recreation and relaxation; and

WHEREAS, recreational boating is one of Florida's leading outdoor activities with more than 4 million residents participating in this pastime; and

WHEREAS, Florida is the fastest growing recreational boating state in the nation with over 718,000 registered vessels and increasing at over 10,000 vessels each year; and

WHEREAS, every year lives are lost in boating accidents in spite of the educational efforts of the Florida Marine Patrol, U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary, U.S. Power Squadrons, Florida Game and Fresh Water Fish Commission and local agencies; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Marine Patrol, U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary, U.S. Power Squadrons, Florida Game and Fresh Water Fish Commission and other cooperating agencies and groups have developed and are now executing campaigns in this field; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Marine Patrol and the Florida Game and Fresh Water Fish Commission are the sponsors of the "Be a Bobber", "Sinkers are Stinkers" program to teach children and their parents the importance of wearing Personal Flotation Devices, and the practice of other boating safety measures; and

WHEREAS, the sponsors of these safety programs have addressed

their efforts to the youth and general public of Florida, urging them to enhance boating pleasure and avoid possible loss of life and property damage.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Nassau County, affirming and supporting the goals of National Safe Boating Week, June 6-12, 1993 and further proclaiming the week beginning June 6, 1993 as NATIONAL SAFE BOATING WEEK" in Nassau County, Florida and urge all citizens who support our waterways to join in learning and practicing safe boating and having their boats inspected for proper safety equipment.

DATED this <u>10th</u> day of <u>May</u>, 1993.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA

BY Testone James Ε. Its: Chairman

Attest:

Ex-Officio Clerk

Approved as to form by the Nassan County Artorney.

Michael S. Mullin