RESOLUTION NO. 2019 - 91

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA, PROCLAIMING MAY 18 THROUGH MAY 24, 2019, AS NATIONAL SAFE BOATING WEEK.

WHEREAS, for nearly 100 million Americans, boating continues to be a popular recreational activity; and

WHEREAS, from coast to coast, and everywhere in between, people are spending time on the water boating, sailing, paddling, and fishing; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Coast Guard estimates seventy percent of boat accidents occur due

to human error, not by the boat or environmental factors; and

WHEREAS, on average, 650 people die each year in boating-related accidents in the

United States, and of those, seventy-six percent of these fatalities are caused by drowning; and

WHEREAS, through basic boating procedures - carrying lifesaving emergency distress

and communications equipment, wearing life jackets, attending safe boating courses, participating

in free boat safety checks, and staying sober while navigating - we can help ensure coastal, inland,

and off-shore waters stay safe throughout the season; and

WHEREAS, National Safe Boating Week is observed to bring attention to important life-

saving tips for recreational boaters so that they can have a safer boating experience and better

enjoy their time on the water; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED this 13th day of May, 2019, by the Board of County Commissioners of Nassau County, Florida, that:

- 1. The week of May 18-May 24, 2019 is hereby proclaimed as "National Safe Boating Week", in Nassau County, Florida.
- 2. The Board hereby calls upon each resident to practice safe boating habits and to wear a life jacket at all times while boating.

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BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA

JUSTIN M. TAYLOR Its: Chairman

Approved as to form by the Nassau County Attorney:

MUCHAEL S. MULLIN

Attest as to Chairman's Signature:

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