## RESOLUTION NO. 94-136

WHEREAS, water related recreational activities are vital elements in the lives of Florida's citizens; and

WHEREAS, the State's 8,426 miles of saltwater tidal coastline, over 3 million acres of inland lakes and 1,700 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 715,000 registered vessels; and

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

WHEREAS, the Florida Marine Patrol, the Florida Game and Fresh Water Fish Commission, the U.S. Coast Guard, the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary, the U.S. Power Squadrons and other cooperating agencies and groups have developed and are now executing campaigns in this field; 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 that the Board of County Commissioners of Nassau County do hereby designate June 5 through June 11, 1994 as

## SAFE BOATING WEEK

in Florida and urge all citizens to join in learning and practicing safe boating through boating education courses and in operating their vessel responsibly and not drinking and driving.

ADOPTED this 23rd day of May, 1994.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS NASSAU COUNTY, FIGURDA

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