



City of Bellevue | Proclamation

- Whereas:** Bellevue is home to a vibrant community of recreational boaters and paddlers who enjoy the city's numerous lakes, rivers and waterways; and
- Whereas:** National Safe Boating Week, observed from May 17 - May 23, 2025, serves as the official launch of the year-round Safe Boating Campaign; and
- Whereas:** National Safe Boating Week is observed to bring attention to important lifesaving tips for recreational boaters so they can have a safer, more fun experience out on the water throughout the year; and
- Whereas:** the Safe Boating Campaign, including initiatives like "Wear Your Life Jacket at Work" Day on May 16, 2025, aims to promote the value of voluntary, consistent life jacket wear by recreational boaters; and
- Whereas:** in Washington State, paddlers represent a significant portion of recreational boating fatalities, highlighting the need for increased awareness and education on paddling safety; and
- Whereas:** the City of Bellevue recognizes the importance of boating and paddling safety and supports efforts to educate the public on best practices to prevent accidents and save lives, including promoting the use of life jacket loaner stations where individuals can borrow properly fitted life jackets - at no charge - to help increase life jacket use and raise awareness about their life-saving importance.

Now, therefore, I, Lynne Robinson, Mayor of the City of Bellevue, Washington, and on behalf of its City Council, do hereby proclaim **May 17 - May 23, 2025**, as:

National Safe Boating and Paddling Week

in Bellevue and encourage all residents and visitors to practice safe boating and paddling habits, including wearing life jackets, taking boating safety courses and staying informed about local water conditions.

Lynne Robinson, Mayor
City of Bellevue