Whereas: Recreational boating is a popular activity in the many lakes and waters around

Bellevue; and

Whereas: Knowledge and skills are important in reducing human error and improving

judgment, allowing boaters to take precautionary measures to protect themselves

and their friends and family; and

Whereas: Failing to follow nautical rules, using drugs or alcohol while controlling a boat or

choosing not to wear a life vest add significant risks; and

Whereas: The proper equipment such as life jackets and preparedness activities such as

checking the weather ahead of time saves lives; and

Whereas: The U.S. Coast Guard and The America's Boating Club of Bellevue are invested in

the well-being of the community and are committed to providing free vessel safety

checks for the community.

Now, therefore, I, Lynne Robinson, Mayor of the City of Bellevue, Washington, and on behalf of its City Council, do hereby proclaim the week of **May 20-26, 2023**, as:

NATIONAL SAFE BOATING AND PADDLING WEEK

and urge all citizens to practice year-round safe boating practices, and to "Boat Smart – Boat Safe – and Wear It" while on the water.

Lynne Robinson, Mayor
City of Bellevue