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 U.S. Power Squadron 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 21-27, 2022, as:

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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