



City of Bellevue | Proclamation

Whereas: Recreational boating is a popular activity in the many lakes and waters in and 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: In 2019, there were 106 boating-related accidents in Washington state, resulting in 27 deaths and 55 injuries; and

Whereas: The proper equipment such as life jackets and preparedness like checking the weather saves lives; and

Whereas: The U.S. Coast Guard and U.S. Power Squadron are invested in the well-being of the community and will check vessels for safety.

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 22-28, 2021** 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.”

Lynne Robinson, Mayor
City of Bellevue