

CITY OF WINTER PARK

# proclamation

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## National Safe Boating Week | May 19-25, 2018

**WHEREAS**, National Safe Boating Week is observed to bring attention to important life-saving tips for recreational boaters so that they can have a safer, more fun experience out on the water throughout the year; and

**WHEREAS**, on average, 650 people die each year in boating-related accidents in the United States, and approximately 80 percent of these are fatalities caused by drowning; and

**WHEREAS**, the Coast Guard estimates that human error accounts for 70 percent of all boating accidents, and that life jackets could prevent more than 80 percent of boating fatalities; and

**WHEREAS**, by following basic boating procedures – carrying lifesaving emergency distress and communications equipment, wearing life jackets, attending boating courses, participating in free boat safety checks, and staying sober while navigating can help ensure boaters stay safe.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I Steve Leary, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Winter Park, in the state of Florida, do hereby proclaim the **week of Saturday, May 19, through Friday, May 25, 2018**, to be **National Safe Boating Week**, and urge all boaters to practice safe boating habits and wear a life jacket at all times while boating.



**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Winter Park, Florida, to be affixed this 9<sup>th</sup> day of May 2018.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Steve Leary". The signature is stylized and somewhat cursive.

**Steve Leary**  
Mayor