

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, on average, 700 people die each year in boating related accidents in the United States; nearly 70 percent of these are fatalities caused by drowning; and

WHEREAS, the vast majority of these accidents are caused by human error or poor judgment and not by the boat, equipment, or environmental factors; and

WHEREAS, a significant number of boaters who lose their lives by drowning each year would be alive today had they worn their life jackets; and

WHEREAS, modern life jackets are more comfortable, more attractive, and more wearable than styles of years past and deserve a fresh look by today's boating public,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Mike Myers, Mayor of the City of Blaine, Washington, hereby support the goals of the North American Safe Boating Campaign and the United States Power Squadrons® and proclaim the week of May 20-26, 2006 as

NATIONAL SAFE BOATING WEEK

in the City of Blaine, Washington, and the start of the year-round effort to promote safe boating. In witness, thereof, I urge all who boat to "Boat Smart. Boat Safe. Wear It." and practice safe boating habits.

MAYOR

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK