

City of Poulsbo

Office of Mayor Rebecca Erickson



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, on average, 700 people die each year in boating-related accidents in the United States and nearly 70% of these fatalities are 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, today's 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, I, Rebecca Erickson, Mayor of the City of Poulsbo, Washington, do hereby proclaim May 19th through May 25th as:

NATIONAL SAFE BOATING WEEK

And the start of the year-round effort to promote safe boating, and urge all those who boat to "Wear It" and practice safe boating habits.

DATED this 11th day of May, 2012

REBECCA ERICKSON, MAYOR