



## **Proclamation**

*Board of County Commissioners  
Manatee County, Florida*

**WHEREAS**, on average, 700 people die each year in boating-related accidents in the United States, with the vast majority of these incidents caused by human error and poor judgment and not by the boat, equipment, or environmental factors; and

**WHEREAS**, Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 81 has proudly served the U.S. Coast Guard and Manatee County residents by teaching boating safety courses, providing vessel safety checks, and patrolling area waters for over 50 years of service in our community; and

**WHEREAS**, each day, more than 30,000 Coast Guard Auxiliary volunteers provide support to Coast Guard units across the U.S. and its territories and, on average, assist in 10 Search and Rescue (SAR) operations, save one life, assist 28 people, save more than \$340,000 worth of property, conduct over 60 safety patrols, perform more than 300 vessel safety checks, educate over 360 people on boating safety, and participate in over 100 Coast Guard operational support missions; and

**WHEREAS**, May 19 through 25, 2018, is National Safe Boating Week in the United States and Flotilla 81 will be encouraging all boaters to help raise awareness about boating responsibly and to take appropriate precautions before leaving the dock this season by filing a float plan with a trusted family member or friend, checking the weather, and wearing a U.S. Coast Guard-approved life jacket at all times; and

**WHEREAS**, it is important to respect Safe Boating Week and carry the tradition of boating forward by following commonsense safety procedures and keeping our lakes, rivers, and the Gulf of Mexico safe and clean for all to enjoy.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED** by the Board of County Commissioners of Manatee County, Florida, that May 19 - 25, 2018, shall be known, designated, and set aside as

### **SAFE BOATING WEEK**

in Manatee County, Florida, and all citizens are urged to support the dedication of the Coast Guard and the Coast Guard Auxiliary by promoting year-round safe boating practices.

**ADOPTED** with a quorum present and voting this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of May 2018.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
MANATEE COUNTY, FLORIDA**

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*Priscilla Trace, Chairman*

**ATTEST:** *Angelina Colonnese  
Clerk of the Circuit Court*

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