  
**State of Iowa**  
**Executive Department**

IN THE NAME AND BY THE AUTHORITY OF THE STATE OF IOWA

## P R O C L A M A T I O N

- WHEREAS,** over the last five years, a total of 28 people have lost their lives in Iowa as a result of a boating accident; and
- WHEREAS,** the vast majority of these accidents are caused by human error or poor judgment, such as falling overboard or capsizing, where the victim was not wearing a life jacket; and
- WHEREAS,** life jackets annually help save many lives, the majority of boaters who lose their lives by drowning each year would probably be alive today if they had simply 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- Life Jackets Float- You Don't; and
- WHEREAS,** the boater who has been through a boating safety course from the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary, Power Squadron and Iowa Department of National Resources are not only safer, but enjoys their day on the water even more:

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kim Reynolds, Governor of the State of Iowa, do hereby proclaim May 16-22, 2020**  
as

### SAFE BOATING WEEK

in Iowa, marking this week as the beginning of a year-round effort to promote safe boating; and hereby urge all those who use our waterways for recreation to "Boat Smart, Boat Safe, and Wear Your Life Jacket."




IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I HAVE HEREUNTO  
SUBSCRIBED MY NAME AND CAUSED THE GREAT  
SEAL OF THE STATE OF IOWA TO BE AFFIXED.  
DONE AT DES MOINES THIS \_\_\_\_ DAY OF MAY IN  
THE YEAR OF OUR LORD TWO THOUSAND  
TWENTY.



KIM REYNOLDS  
GOVERNOR OF IOWA

ATTEST:



PAUL PATE  
SECRETARY OF STATE