

# PROCLAMATION



## Office of the Mayor

**WHEREAS**, recreational boating is a popular and enjoyable activity enjoyed by many each year; and

**WHEREAS**, boating can also be dangerous without proper precautions and safety measures in place; and

**WHEREAS**, the annual observance of Safe Boating Week supports the Safe Boating Campaign, a global awareness effort that encourages boaters to make the most of their boating adventures by being responsible; and

**WHEREAS**, the United States Coast Guard reports that drowning was the cause of death in four out of every five recreational boating fatalities in 2022 and 83 percent of those were not wearing a life jacket; and

**WHEREAS**, the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources is dedicated to boating safety and provides valuable resources and information to boaters to help ensure safe and responsible boating; and

**WHEREAS**, Safe Boating Week reminds all boaters to wear a life jacket, avoid boating under the influence, be aware of weather and water conditions, stay in contact with someone on shore, use an engine cut-off device, and take boater education courses to improve their knowledge and skill.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT I, JACOB A. WOODFORD**, Mayor of the City of Appleton, do hereby proclaim May 20-26, 2023 as

## Safe Boating Week

in Appleton and encourage all boaters to take the necessary steps to ensure a safe and enjoyable boating experience while making memories with family and friends.

Signed and sealed this 17<sup>th</sup> day of May 2023.



**JACOB A. WOODFORD**  
MAYOR OF APPLETON