

# 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 is the cause of death in four out of every five recreational boating fatalities and 75 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 18-24, 2024, 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 25th day of April 2024.



**JACOB A. WOODFORD**  
MAYOR OF APPLETON