



STATE OF TENNESSEE
PROCLAMATION

BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, on average, 650 people die each year in boating-related accidents in the U.S., and 75% of these are fatalities 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, safe boating practices include carrying lifesaving emergency distress and communications equipment, wearing life jackets, attending safe boating courses, participating in free boat safety checks, and staying sober when navigating; and

WHEREAS, following basic boating safety procedures help keep Tennessee's waterways safe for use by everyone; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Coast Guard estimates that life jackets could prevent nearly 86% of boating-related fatalities; and

NOW THEREFORE, I, Bill Lee, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim May 21-27, 2022 as

Safe Boating Week

in Tennessee and encourage all citizens to join me in this worthy observance.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the official seal of the State of Tennessee to be affixed at Nashville on this eleventh day of May, 2022.

Bill Lee

Governor

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Secretary of State