

***Sanibel is blessed with both a unique climate and abundant water resources that offer water-related recreational activities to residents and visitors alike; and***

***WHEREAS: The Gulf of Mexico and the San Carlos Bay surrounding Sanibel Island provide exceptional opportunities for boating; and***

***WHEREAS: Recreational boating is one of Sanibel's leading outdoor activities; and***

***WHEREAS: Every year hundreds of lives are lost nationally in boating accidents; and***

***WHEREAS: We urge every boater to obtain the proper training and education for safe vessel operation, including those courses offered by the Sanibel Captiva Sail and Power Squadron; and***

***WHEREAS: National "Safe Boating Week" is the first full week prior to the Memorial Day weekend.***

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED I, Kevin Ruane, Mayor of the City of Sanibel, Lee County Florida, on behalf of the City Council, hereby declares the week of May 17th through May 23rd, 2014 as "Safe Boating Week" In the City of Sanibel and urge all boaters to take boating education courses, get a vessel safety check, operate their vessels responsibly, safely and soberly and obey all State and Federal Boating Regulations at all times.***

***IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Sanibel to be affixed hereto this 6th day of May, 2014.***