



PROCLAMATION

ONE CITY. ONE JACKSONVILLE.

WHEREAS: As summer approaches and warm weather draws people to local waterways, National Safe Boating Week is a time to raise awareness of boating safety precautions that can help save lives; and

WHEREAS: On average, 650 people die each year in boating-related accidents in the United States. Approximately 75% of these incidents are fatalities caused by drowning; and

WHEREAS: The vast majority of these tragedies are caused not by the boat, equipment, or environmental factors, but are instead caused by human error or poor judgment; and

WHEREAS: A significant number of the boaters who lost their lives by drowning would be alive had they worn life jackets. Life jackets could have prevented an estimated 86% of boating fatalities; and

WHEREAS: Boat operators and passengers should exercise caution while boating and should always wear life jackets; and

WHEREAS: Unlike the bulky life jackets of the past, today's life jackets are more comfortable, more attractive and more wearable; and

WHEREAS: As we take advantage of Jacksonville's beautiful and plentiful waterways to enjoy boating, sailing, paddling or fishing, let us commit to ensuring water safety by exercising appropriate safe boating procedures.

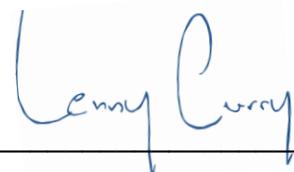
NOW, THEREFORE, I, LENNY CURRY, by virtue of the authority vested in me as mayor of Jacksonville, Florida, do hereby proclaim May 20 – 26, 2023 as

SAFE BOATING WEEK

in Jacksonville and encourage all citizens to practice safe boating habits and wear a life jacket at all times while boating.



IN WITNESS THEREOF, this 13th Day of April in the year
Two Thousand and Twenty-Three.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Lenny Curry".

MAYOR