



Proclamation

Presented to

C.B. Thomas. RADM U.S. Coast Guard, Fourteenth District

WHEREAS, the State of Hawai'i has been blessed with a vibrant ocean environment that provides many leisure opportunities for its residents and visitors; and

WHEREAS, recreational boating has been a favorite way to relax with family and friends while enjoying our ocean and inland waters for countless generations; and

WHEREAS, safe boating practices remain extremely important because each year, lives and property are needlessly lost or damaged in boating accidents, even during short expeditions, many of which result from a lack of basic knowledge of boating and ocean safety; and

WHEREAS, numerous government agencies, private groups and community organizations work to educate vessel operators about ocean safety principles by offering safe boating courses, conducting safety displays at harbors and boat ramps, yacht clubs, and shopping centers, examining boats for safety equipment, and taking part in other activities to keep Hawaiian waters safe; and

WHEREAS, it is important for all persons to know that life jackets help save lives when properly worn and that carrying the proper safety equipment on board a vessel, which includes a VHF Radio or EPIRB, can save lives; and

WHEREAS, remembering to leave a float plan with a relative, friend or neighbor can do much to take the "Search" out of Search and Rescue;

THEREFORE I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor, and I, SHAN S. TSUTSUI, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim May 16 - 22, 2015 as

"SAFE BOATING WEEK"

in Hawai'i and encourage the citizens of the Aloha State to exercise safe boating practices in our Hawaiian waters.

DONE at the State Capitol, in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, on this fifth day of May 2015.

DAVID Y. IGE
Governor, State of Hawai'i

SHAN S. TSUTSUI
Lt. Governor, State of Hawai'i