



# Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, the waters surrounding Hawai'i provide some of the most exciting and beautiful ocean recreation opportunities in the world, where residents and visitors enjoy a multitude of recreational activities including boating, diving, and fishing; and

**WHEREAS**, boating-related tragedy may result if vessel operators are not properly trained in safe vessel handling, adequate safety equipment is not carried on board, vessels are not properly identified, or proper rules are not followed; and

**WHEREAS**, a lack of basic ocean safety knowledge causes boating accidents that result in the loss of lives and property each year; and

**WHEREAS**, always remembering to leave a float plan with a relative, friend, or neighbor can do much to take the "search" out of search and rescue; and

**WHEREAS**, numerous agencies, private groups, and community organizations promote safe ocean use practices by conducting search and rescue missions, offering safe boating courses, examining boats for up-to-date safety equipment, and taking part in other activities to keep everyone safe in O'ahu's nearshore and open ocean waters;

**THEREFORE, I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor, and I, JOSHUA B. GREEN, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim May 18-24, 2019 as**

## **"SAFE BOATING WEEK"**

in Hawai'i to encourage our residents and visitors to safely enjoy ocean recreation activities by wearing life jackets, carrying a VHF radio, educating themselves, and practicing safe boating.

Done at the State Capitol, in Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this ninth day of May 2019.

  
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**JOSHUA B. GREEN**  
Lieutenant Governor, State of Hawai'i

  
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**DAVID Y. IGE**  
Governor, State of Hawai'i