

# County of Santa Rosa

## PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, Santa Rosa County, with its unique climate and water resources, offers special water-related recreational activities to its residents, and people from all across the country; and

**WHEREAS**, the area's extensive coastline, bays, inland lakes, rivers and streams provide many opportunities for boating and recreation; and

**WHEREAS**, recreational boating is one of the State of Florida's leading outdoor activities, with millions of residents participating in this pastime, distinguishing Florida as the "Boating Capital of the World"; and

**WHEREAS**, every year hundreds of lives are lost in boating accidents in spite of the extensive educational efforts of the U.S. Coast Guard, the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary, the Florida Marine Patrol, and other state and local agencies; and

**WHEREAS**, federal, state and local agencies and private companies and groups have combined their efforts to reduce boating accidents by developing and executing safety campaigns, such as **"WEAR IT!"** to increase awareness of the importance of wearing life jackets while on the water.

**WHEREAS**, the sponsors of these safety programs have focused their efforts toward the youth and general public of Florida, urging them to enhance boating safety and avoid possible loss of life, while reducing the loss of property;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of County Commissioners of Santa Rosa County does hereby proclaim the week of May 16 through May 22, 2009, as

### **SAFE BOATING WEEK**

in Santa Rosa County, Florida and urges all citizens to join in learning and practicing safe boating by wearing a life jacket, taking boating education courses, getting a vessel safety check, operating their vessels responsibly, safely and soberly, and obeying all State and Federal Boating Regulations at all times.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Board of County Commissioners of Santa Rosa County, Florida, this 14th day of May 2009.



**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
SANTA ROSA COUNTY, FLORIDA**

BY: Don Salter  
Don Salter, Chairman