

RESOLUTION 9406

WHEREAS, water-related recreational activities are vital elements in the lives of Florida's citizens; and

WHEREAS, the State's 8,426 miles of saltwater tidal coastline, over 3 million acres of inland lakes and 1,700 miles of rivers and streams provide for many of the needed outlets for recreation and relaxation; and

WHEREAS, recreational boating is one of Florida's leading outdoor activities with more than 4 million residents participating in this pastime; and

WHEREAS, Florida is the fastest growing recreational boating state in the nation with over 715,000 registered vessels; and

WHEREAS, every year lives are lost in boating accidents, due to alcohol, in spite of the educational efforts of the U. S. Coast Guard, the U. S. Coast Guard Auxiliary, the U. S. Power Squadrons, the Florida Marine Patrol, the Florida Game and Fresh Water Fish Commission and local agencies; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Marine Patrol, the Florida Game and Fresh Water Fish Commission, the U. S. Coast Guard, the U. S. Coast Guard Auxiliary, the U. S. Power Squadrons and other cooperating agencies and groups have developed and are now executing campaigns in this field; and

WHEREAS, the sponsors of these safety programs have addressed their efforts to the youth and general public of Florida, urging them to enhance boating pleasure and avoid possible loss of life and property damage.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the _____ and _____ of the _____ of _____ do hereby designate June 5 through June 11, 1994, as

SAFE BOATING WEEK

in Florida and urge all citizens to join in learning and practicing safe boating through boating education courses and in operating their vessel responsibly and not drinking and driving.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, the _____ and _____ of the _____ of _____ have hereunto subscribed their names and have caused the Official Seal of the State of Florida to be hereunto affixed in the City of _____ on this _____ day of _____, 1994.