

STATE OF KANSAS



PROCLAMATION
BY THE
GOVERNOR

TO THE PEOPLE OF KANSAS, GREETINGS:

WHEREAS, Boating is a popular and family-friendly recreation in Kansas; and

WHEREAS, Drowning is the third leading cause of unintentional injury-related death among Kansas children ages 0-19; and

WHEREAS, Studies show wearing an approved personal floatation device increases the odds of surviving a boating accident by 80 percent; and

WHEREAS, Kansas boating statutes requires vessels to carry at least one Coast Guard approved personal floatation device for each person on board or being towed; and

WHEREAS, Kansas statutes requires children 12 years of age or younger to wear a US Coast Guard approved personal floatation device at all times while on board or being towed by a vessel, even when anchored; and

WHEREAS, Taking a safe boating course can improve safety for everyone; and

WHEREAS, Education and use of carbon monoxide detectors on boating vessels can prevent poisoning or death from this dangerous, invisible gas; and

WHEREAS, Safe Kids Kansas, the Coast Guard Auxiliary and Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks are committed to working together to prevent injuries and drowning; and

WHEREAS, Safe Boating Week is an opportunity for all citizens to come together to promote safety on the lakes and waterways of Kansas.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Laura Kelly, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF KANSAS, do hereby proclaim the week of May 21st through 27th, 2022 as

Safe Boating Week

in the state of Kansas and I urge all citizens to join in this observation.

DONE: At the Capitol in Topeka
under the Great Seal of
the State this 21st day of
May, A.D. 2022



BY THE GOVERNOR:

Laura Kelly

Scott Schubert
Secretary of State

Jennifer Cook
Assistant Secretary of State