

NATIONAL SAFE BOATING WEEK

WHEREAS, on average, 700 people die each year in boating-related accidents in the United States; and

WHEREAS, nearly 70% of these boating fatalities are caused by drowning and a significant number of these boaters would be alive today had they worn their life jackets; and

WHEREAS, in 2013, the members of the Flotillas 12-01, 12-3, 12-5 and 12-91 of Alameda County volunteered 11,979 hours in educating the boating public and in the U.S. Coast Guard mission support; and

WHEREAS, in 2013, there were 331 free vessel exams performed by Flotilla vessel examiners; and

WHEREAS, Flotillas 12-01, 12-3, 12-5 and 12-91 of Alameda County will continue its efforts to educate the boating public by offering boating classes and free vessel examinations, promote safe boating and encourage the wearing of life jackets.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that this Board of Supervisors, County of Alameda, does hereby proclaim the second the week of May 17 through May 23, 2014, as National Safe Boating Week in Alameda County; and

BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED that this Board of Supervisors urges all users of all in-land lakes, rivers, San Francisco Bay and the Pacific Coastal areas to safeguard their lives by wearing life jackets when boating, attend a safe boating course, exercise safe boating practices and adopt the slogan: "WEAR IT".