


**ACTION ITEM  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

**DATE:** May 19, 2009

**TO:** Board of Supervisors

**FROM:** Cathy Riddle   
Public Information Administrator

**ISSUE:** A Proclamation to Declare the Week of May 16 – 22, 2009, as Safe Boating Week in Stafford

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:** Approval

**BUDGET IMPACT:** N/A

**ATTACHMENTS:** (3)

[1] Background Report [3] Reso/Ord/Proc # P09-10

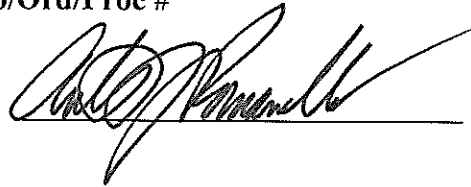
[2] E-mail dated 5/4/09 [ ] Reso/Ord/Proc #

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**REVIEW:** [X] County Administrator's Office

[ ] Legal

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[X] Consent Agenda

[ ] Discussion Item

[ ] New Business

[ ] Other Business

[ ] Presentation

[ ] Public Hearing

[ ] Unfinished Business

**PRESENTATION BY:** N/A

**ELECTION DISTRICT:** N/A

**REQUESTED BY:** Mid-Potomac Power Squadron

**BACKGROUND REPORT**

The Mid-Potomac Power Squadron has joined the National Safe Boating Council to declare the week of May 16 – 22, 2009 as a time to remind Stafford citizens about the importance of safety as they enjoy the wide variety of water recreation activities in the County. The squadron reminds boaters to keep the correct number and size of personal flotation devices on hand, maintain watercraft in good working condition, and take advantage of boating safety classes. Proposed Proclamation P09-10 declares the week of May 16 – 22, 2009 as Safe Boating Week in Stafford.

**Michele F. Lansford**

**From:** Marty Y. Beard  
**Sent:** Monday, May 04, 2009 9:16 AM  
**To:** Michele F. Lansford  
**Cc:** Eleanor E. Hinzman; Pamela L. Timmons  
**Subject:** FW: Speaker Card - National Safe Boating Week Proclamation

Good morning – do you want to run with this one?

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**From:** Clinton T. Anderson [mailto:clintontanderson@verizon.net]  
**Sent:** Sunday, May 03, 2009 8:47 PM  
**To:** Marty Y. Beard  
**Cc:** 'Bob Sims'; 'Clinton T. Anderson'  
**Subject:** RE: Speaker Card - National Safe Boating Week Proclamation

Marty,

Stafford County email servers rejected the email below because of the attached MS Word document of the Safety Proclamation. I can mail the Proclamation if you prefer to receive in hard copy instead.

Please let me know how we should proceed in this manner.

Best wishes,  
Clint

**From:** Clinton T. Anderson [mailto:clintontanderson@verizon.net]  
**Sent:** Sunday, May 03, 2009 7:08 PM  
**To:** 'mbeard@co.stafford.va.us'  
**Cc:** 'clintontanderson@verizon.net'; 'Bob Sims'  
**Subject:** Speaker Card - National Safe Boating Week Proclamation

Marty,

For the past several years, the County Board of Supervisors has been very supportive of the Mid-Potomac Power Squadron's efforts to promote boating safety on the waters in and adjacent to Stafford County. This year the National Safe Boating Council has declared the week of May 17 through May 23 as *National Safe Boating Week*. I have attached both a cover letter from Cdr Robert Sims the current commander of the Mid-Potomac Power Squadron and a draft proclamation for the Boards consideration and if

acceptable, adoption. Cdr Sims would be available to attend the third Tuesday, 19 May, 7:00 PM meeting, to receive the signed Proclamation and to make very brief comments (less than 3 minutes) about National Safe Boating Week and the importance of life jackets and vessel safety inspections.

Should you have additional questions please don't hesitate to contact me or Cdr Robert Sims at the email addresses above or the contact information below.

Best wishes for a happy and safe boating season!

Regards,  
Clint

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PROPOSED

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF STAFFORD  
STAFFORD, VIRGINIA

PROCLAMATION

At a regular meeting of the Stafford County Board of Supervisors (the Board) held in the Board Chambers, Stafford County Administration Center, Stafford, Virginia, on the 19th day of May 2009:

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MEMBERS:

George H. Schwartz, Chairman  
Harry E. Crisp II, Vice Chairman  
M. S. "Joe" Brito  
Mark Dudenhefer  
Paul V. Milde III  
Cord A. Sterling  
Robert "Bob" Woodson

VOTE:

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On motion of , seconded by , which carried by a vote of , the following was adopted:

A PROCLAMATION TO DECLARE THE WEEK OF  
MAY 16 – 22, 2009 AS SAFE BOATING WEEK IN STAFFORD

WHEREAS, Stafford County boasts beautiful and abundant lakes, rivers and streams offering boaters, skiers, fishermen and swimmers a wealth of recreational opportunities; and

WHEREAS, tragically, more than 700 people die nationwide each year in boating accidents attributed to a failure to wear life jackets, poorly maintained watercraft and on-board equipment, and the consumption of alcoholic beverages; and

WHEREAS, the National Safe Boating Council has declared May 16 – 22, 2009, as National Safe Boating Week; and

WHEREAS, events during National Safe Boating Week will highlight the four principles of safe boating, which include "wearing life jackets saves lives, boater education saves lives, safe boats save lives, and sober boating saves lives"; and

WHEREAS, the National Safe Boating Council urges water enthusiasts to take advantage of boating safety courses sponsored by local Coast Guard Auxiliaries and United States Power Squadrons, maintain the correct number and sizes of personal flotation devices on board crafts, keep charts and maps current, and maintain the proper emergency communications equipment on vessels; and

WHEREAS, the Board urges Stafford citizens to keep safety in mind as they enjoy water recreation opportunities throughout the summer, and to remember the continuing National Safe Boating Week Campaign slogan: "Wear It! Always Wear Your Life Jacket!";

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED by the Stafford County Board of Supervisors on this the 19th day of May, 2009, that the week of May 16 – 22, 2009 be and it hereby is declared as Safe Boating Week in Stafford.

AJR/CLR/mfl