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Proclamation

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National Safe Boating Week
May 16 - 22, 1998

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WHEREAS, Americans are increasingly heading to the water for recreation and relaxation as an opportunity for "on-the-water" activities expand each year and with this growth comes additional responsibility; and

WHEREAS, in recognizing that hundreds of lives could be saved each year by the wearing of life jackets, and the life jackets of today are more comfortable, more attractive and more wearable than styles of years past; and

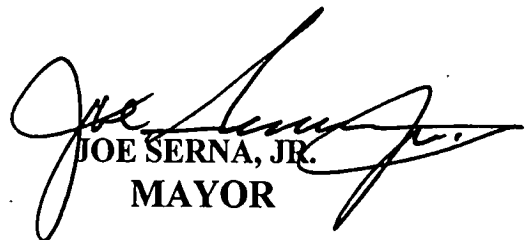
WHEREAS, the law requires that wearable life jackets be carried for each person on board the boat (children under seven years of age much wear them), and little effort is needed to wear those jackets; and

WHEREAS, this year's theme *Boat Smart From the Start, Wear Your Life Jacket*, recognizes that boating safety begins long before the boat leaves the dock; and

WHEREAS, recent year's averages indicate approximately 88 percent of the people who drown in a boat accident were not wearing life jackets.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Joe Serna, Jr., Mayor of the City of Sacramento, do hereby support the goals of the National Safe Boating Campaign and proclaim May 16-22, 1998 as National Safe Boating Week and start of the year-round effort to promote safe boating.

ISSUED: This 7th day of May 1998.


JOE SERNA, JR.
MAYOR