



## Legislation Text

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### **PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

#### **HONORING NATIONAL SAFE BOATING WEEK, MAY 21 - 27, 2022**

**WHEREAS**, National Safe Boating week will be held from May 21, 2022 through May 27, 2022, as a reminder to all boaters to be mindful of the important life-saving tips for the boating season; and

**WHEREAS**, More than 100 million Americans, will take to the Great Lakes, Rivers, and other bodies of water from coast to coast to enjoy recreational boating activity; and

**WHEREAS**, the Forest Preserves of Cook County provides for the residents and visitors of Cook County 40 managed lakes and ponds, over 2,000 acres of fishing waters, 10 major water bodies, and makes available paddling classes, boat rentals, kayak and canoe rentals; and

**WHEREAS**, The Coast Guard estimates that human error accounts for most boating accidents and that wearing a life jacket could prevent nearly 86 percent of boating fatalities; and

**WHEREAS**, A significant number of boaters who lose their lives by drowning each year would be alive today had they worn their life jackets; and

**WHEREAS**, On average, 650 people die each year in boating related accidents in the U.S.; 75 percent of these are fatalities caused by drowning; and

**WHEREAS**, A vast majority of accidents are caused by human error or poor judgment and not by the boat, equipment, or environmental factors; and

**WHEREAS**, During National Safe Boating week, the U. S. Coast Guard and its federal, state, and local safe boating partners encourage all boaters to explore and enjoy America's beautiful waters responsibly, practice safe boating and wear a life jacket at all times while boating; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED**, that the President and Board of Commissioners of the Forest Preserves of Cook County, on behalf of the residents of Cook County, hereby support the goals of the Safe Boating Campaign and Proclaim May 21-27, 2022, as National Safe Boating Week and promote safe boating.