RESOLUTION No. 04-25-22-3

A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING NATIONAL SAFE BOATING WEEK
MAY 21-27, 2022

WHEREAS, for nearly 100 million Americans, boating continues to be a popular recreational activity. From coast to coast, and everywhere in between, people are taking to the water and enjoying time together boating, sailing, paddling, and fishing. During National Safe Boating Week, the US Coast Guard and its federal, state, and local safe boating partners encourage all boaters to explore and enjoy America's beautiful waters responsibly; and

WHEREAS, safe boating begins with preparation. The Coast Guard estimates that human error accounts for most boating accidents and that life jackets could prevent nearly 86 percent of boating fatalities. Through basic boating safety procedures—carrying lifesaving emergency distress and communications equipment, wearing life jackets, attending safe boating courses, participating in free boat safety checks, and staying sober when navigating—we can help ensure boaters on America's costal, inland, and offshore waters stay safe throughout the season; and

WHEREAS, National Safe Boating Week is observed to bring attention to important life-saving tips for recreational boaters so that they can have a safer, more fun experience out on the water throughout the year; 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, most of these accidents are caused by human error or poor judgment and not by the boat, equipment, or environmental factors; and

WHEREAS, a significant number of boaters who lose their lives by drowning each year would be alive today had they worn their lift jackets.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Trustees of the Village of Hawthorn Woods on the behalf of the residents of the Village of Hawthorn Woods does hereby designate the week of May 21 through May 27, 2022, as National Safe Boating Week.

The foregoing Resolution was adopted unanimously by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Hawthorn Woods, Illinois on April 25, 2022.

Donna Lobaito, Village Clerk

Dominick DiMaggio, Mayor