



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, The City of Shoreline is bounded by Puget Sound and the city includes lakes and other waterways; and

WHEREAS, A large number of Shoreline's residents of all ages engage in recreational boating and paddling; and

WHEREAS, On average, 700 people die each year in boating related accidents in the United States, with 613 in 2019 alone; and with the vast majority of those accidents caused by human error and poor judgment and not by the boat, equipment, or environmental factors; and

WHEREAS, The vast majority of boaters who lose their lives by drowning each year would be alive today had they worn their life jackets; and

WHEREAS, The mission of United States Coast Guard Auxiliary, Division 2, overseeing Shoreline, is to promote and improve recreational boating safety by teaching boating safety courses and conducting vessel safety checks;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Will Hall, Mayor of the City of Shoreline, on behalf of the Shoreline City Council, do hereby proclaim May 22-28, 2021 as

SAFE BOATING and PADDLING WEEK

in the City of Shoreline, and encourage all of Shoreline's residents to dedicate themselves to learning about and practicing safe boating, including wearing life jackets.



Will Hall, Mayor