Proclamation

ROCKVILLE · MARYLAND

WHEREAS, on average, 700 people die each year in boating-related accidents in the U.S., with nearly 70% of these are fatalities caused by drowning; and

WHEREAS, the vast majority 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 life jackets; and

WHEREAS, modern life jackets are more comfortable, more attractive, and more wearable than styles of years past and deserve a fresh look by today's boating public.

NOW THEREFORE, THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF ROCKVILLE, do hereby proclaim May 22-28, 2010, as National Safe Boating Week and the start of the year-round effort to promote safe boating. We urge all Rockville Boaters to wear life jackets and avoid alcohol use while boating, take boating safety classes, get boats checked for safety and maintenance, and follow all boating regulations and guidelines.

Phyllis Marcuccio, Mayor

John B. Britton, Councilmember

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Bridget Newton, Councilmember

Mark Pierzchala, Councilmember

May 10, 2010