

CITY OF CREOLA

RESOLUTION 01-2023

WHEREAS, many residents of the City of Creola, Alabama, engage in boating, fishing, and other recreational activities on the navigable waters around the State of Alabama; and

WHEREAS, on average, six hundred (600) people die each year in boating-related accidents in the United States; 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, alcohol use is the leading known contributing factor in fatal boating accidents; it was reported as the leading factor in 19% of deaths nationwide in 2018; and

WHEREAS, the United States Coast Guard considers operator use of engine cut-off switches to be important because when operators of powerboats are ejected or fall overboard, the boat will typically continue to operate, until it runs out of fuel, runs aground, or collides with another boat/object; 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, boating safety courses and boating safety campaigns can teach people how to adhere to better boating practice and help them to boat more safely; and

WHEREAS, United States Coast Guard statistics show that, of the accidents where the level of operator education was known, 81% of boating deaths occurred on boats where the boat operator had never received boating education instruction.

NOW THEREFORE, the City of Creola, Alabama, does hereby support the goals of the United States Coast Guard's Safe Boating Campaign and proclaim May 21-27, 2022, as Safe Boating Week and the start of a year-round effort to promote safe boating.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CREOLA, ALABAMA, THIS 11th DAY OF MAY 2023.

Don Nelson, Mayor

ATTEST:

Marcy Brown, City Clerk