

RESOLUTION NUMBER 07-20

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF FORT MYERS BEACH, FLORIDA, EDUCATING ITS CITIZENS IN TAKING PRECAUTIONARY MEASURES TO MAKE THEM MORE AWARE OF THEIR RESPONSIBILITIES TO THEMSELVES, THEIR FRIENDS AND FAMILIES WHILE ENJOYING THEIR WATER-RELATED RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES

WHEREAS, The Town of Fort Myers Beach, in Lee County, Florida, with its unique weather and water resources, offer special water-related recreational activities to its residents, and people from around the world; and

WHEREAS, this area's miles of saltwater tidal coastline, rivers, bays and canals provide many of the needed outlets for recreation and relaxation; and

WHEREAS, recreational boating is one of Florida's leading outdoor activities with more than 45,000 registered boats in Lee County alone, distinguishing Florida as the "Boating Capital of the World"; and

WHEREAS, every year lives are lost in boating accidents in spite of the educational efforts of the U.S. Coast Guard, the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary, the U.S. Power Squadrons, the Florida Fish and Wildlife Commission, and local agencies; and

WHEREAS, federal state and local agencies and private companies and groups have combined their efforts to reduce boating accidents by developing and executing safety training programs, such as, "Boat Smart – Boat Safe", "You're in Command"; and

WHEREAS, the sponsors of these programs have focused their efforts toward youth and general public of Fort Myers Beach, Florida, urging them to enhance boating pleasure and avoid possible loss of life, while reducing the loss of property, and marine accidents; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Town of Fort Myers Beach, Florida, do hereby designate May 19 – 25th, 2007 as

SAFE BOATING WEEK

And urge all citizens to join in learning and practicing safe boating by: wearing a life jacket, taking boating education courses, getting vessel safety check, operating their vessels responsibly, safely and soberly, and obeying Coast Guard Regulations established after September 11th related to Homeland Security.

The foregoing resolution was adopted by the Fort Myers Beach Town Council upon motion by Councilmember Shenko and second by Councilmember Acken and being put to a vote, the result was as follows:

Dennis Boback, Mayor	aye
Larry Kiker, Vice Mayor	aye
Herb Acken	aye
Charles Meador, Jr.	absent
William Shenko, Jr.	aye

DULY PASSED AND ADOPTED this 21st day of May, 2007.

ATTEST:

TOWN OF FORT MYERS BEACH

By: 
Michelle D. Mayher, Town Clerk

By: 
Dennis C. Boback, Mayor

Approved as to legal sufficiency by:


Anne Dalton, Town Attorney