

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)
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COUNTY OF PICKENS)

RESOLUTION # 2024-15

RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING THE WEEK OF MAY 18 – 24, 2024 AS SAFE BOATING WEEK

WHEREAS, for nearly 100 million Americans, boating continues to be a popular recreational activity for people from coast to coast and everywhere in between, who take to the water and enjoy time together boating, sailing, paddling and fishing; and

WHEREAS, Pickens County has amazing natural resources, including Lake Jocassee, Lake Keowee, and Lake Hartwell, which are enjoyed by our residents and visitors alike throughout the year; and

WHEREAS, during National Safe Boating Week, the U.S. 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, 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, 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

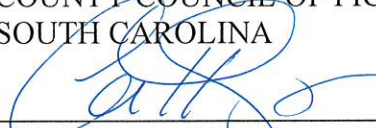
WHEREAS, the Pickens County Parks, Recreation, and Tourism Department promoted boat safety through the County FREE room in March in anticipation of the uptick in use of our lakes and waterways in the spring and summer and in accordance with previous resolutions promoting year-round boat safety;

NOW THEREFORE, Pickens County Council, hereby supports the goals of the Safe Boating Campaign and proclaims May 18 – 24, 2024 as National Safe Boating Week and the start of the year-round effort to promote safe boating.

In Witness Thereof, Council urges all those who boat to practice safe boating habits and wear a life jacket at all times while boating.

Passed and approved, this 6 day of May, 2023.


COUNTY COUNCIL OF PICKENS COUNTY,
SOUTH CAROLINA



Chris Bowers, Chairman of County Council
Pickens County, South Carolina

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Attest:



Meagan Nations, Clerk of County Council
Pickens County, South Carolina