

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOUISA
RESOLUTION**

At a regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Louisa held in the Louisa County Public Meeting Room at 5:00 PM on the 5th day of May 2025, at which the following members were present, the following resolution was adopted by a majority of all members of the Board of Supervisors, the vote being recorded in the minutes of the meeting as shown below:

RESULT:

MOVER: None

SECONDER: None

AYES: None

A RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING MAY 17-23, 2025 AS NATIONAL SAFE BOATING WEEK

WHEREAS, for over 100 million Americans, boating continues to be a popular recreational activity. From coast to coast, and everywhere in between, people are taking to the water and enjoying time together boating, sailing, paddling and fishing; 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, 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. Safe boating begins with preparation; 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, a clear statement of Virginia's boating laws may be found in DWR's *Freshwater Fishing & Boating in Virginia: January-December 2023*, noting new laws this year relating to "no wake" zones near law enforcement & emergency activities, fire extinguisher rules, and the

need to clean aquatic organisms and vegetation from your trailer and equipment.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, on this 5th day of May 2025, that the Louisa County Board of Supervisors hereby supports the goals of the Safe Boating Campaign and proclaims May 17–23, 2025 as National Safe Boating Week in Louisa County and the start of the year-round effort to promote safe boating.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Board urges all those who boat to practice safe boating habits and wear a life jacket at all times while boating on Lake Anna and all waters of the County.

A Copy, teste:

Christian R. Goodwin, Clerk
Board of Supervisors
Louisa County, Virginia