



Denis Law Mayor

# Proclamation

*Whereas*, the City of Renton is bounded by Lake Washington shoreline and encompasses numerous waterways; and

*Whereas*, a large number of Renton's residents of all ages engage in recreational boating; and

*Whereas*, on average, 700 people die each year in boating related accidents in the U.S., with the vast majority of those accidents caused by human error and 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 mission of the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary, Division 2, overseeing Renton, is to promote and improve recreational boating safety by teaching boating safety courses and conducting vessel safety checks;

*Now, therefore*, I, Denis Law, Mayor of the City of Renton, do hereby proclaim May 18-24, 2019, to be

## *Safe Boating and Paddling Week*

in the City of Renton, and I encourage all citizens to dedicate themselves to learning about and practicing safe boating, including wearing life jackets.

*In witness whereof*, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Renton to be affixed this 6th day of May, 2019.

Denis Law, Mayor  
City of Renton, Washington

