WHEREAS, on average, 700 people die each year in boating-related accidents in the United States; nearly 70% of these are fatalities caused by drowning and a significant number of these boaters would be alive today had they worn their life jackets; and

WHEREAS, in 2011, the members of Flotillas 41, 43, 48, & 49 of Santa Clara County volunteered 11,272 hours in educating the boating public and in U.S. Coast Guard mission support; and

WHEREAS, in 2011, 408 free vessel exams were performed by Flotilla vessel examiners; and

WHEREAS, Flotillas 41, 43, 48, & 49 of Santa Clara County will continue their efforts to educate the boating public by offering boating classes and free vessel examinations, promoting safe boating and encouraging the wearing of life jackets.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Clara does hereby proclaim the week of May 19th - May 25th, 2012 as

National Safe Boating Week

in Santa Clara County and urges all users of ALL in-land lakes, rivers, and the Pacific Coastal area to safeguard their lives by wearing life jackets when boating, attend a safe boating course, exercise safe boating practices, and adopt the slogan of “WEAR IT.”

PASSED AND ADOPTED, this Twenty Second of May, Two thousand Twelve by unanimous vote.

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George Shirakawa
President, Board of Supervisors

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Mike Wasserman
Supervisor, District One

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Ken Yeager
Supervisor, District Four

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Liz Kniss
Supervisor, District Five

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Dave Cortese
Supervisor, District Three

Attest: Lynn Regadanz, Interim Clerk, Board of Supervisors

Date 5-10-12

Approved as to Form and Legality

County Counsel