



PROCLAMATION

Operation Dry Water | June 26-28, 2009

WHEREAS, alcohol use is the leading contributing factor in fatal boating accidents; and

WHEREAS, alcohol use is one of the leading contributing factors in all boating accidents; and

WHEREAS, alcohol affects judgment, vision, balance and coordination for both boat operators and passengers; and

WHEREAS, a boater is likely to become impaired more quickly than the driver of an automobile, because the motion, vibration, engine noise, sun, wind and spray common in the marine environment intensify the effects of alcohol; and

WHEREAS, "Operation Dry Water" was created by the National Association of State Boating Law Administrators and its partners to address this public health, safety and law enforcement issue; and

WHEREAS, "Operation Dry Water" is a coordinated national weekend of Boating Under the Influence detection and enforcement to detect, deter and educate all boaters, aimed at reducing injuries and fatalities resulting from boating under the influence; and

WHEREAS, the [City and/or State] [Department or Agency] considers it a duty of the highest importance to protect all citizens from death or injury as a result of recreational boating accidents caused by alcohol use.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, [Official's name], [Official's title] of the [City and/or State] [Department or Agency] do hereby proclaim June 26-28, 2009 as "**Operation Dry Water**" in [City and/or State] and do hereby call upon the citizens, government agencies, and public and private institutions in [City and/or State] to promote awareness of the dangers of boating while under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs, to support programs and policies to reduce the incidence of impaired boating, to promote safer and healthier behavior regarding the use of alcohol and other drugs and to provide opportunities for all to participate in safe and enjoyable recreational boating this season.

DATED this day of _____, 2009.

[Official's name], [Official's title] of the [City and/or State] [Department or Agency]