

**State of Vermont
Executive Department
A Proclamation**

- WHEREAS,** life jackets can be the determining factor between life and death in many boating accidents; and
- WHEREAS,** each year, on average, 700 people die in boating-related accidents, and eight out of every 10 victims were not wearing a life jacket; and
- WHEREAS,** according to Virgil Chambers, Executive Director of the National Safe Boating Council, “Thousands of people would be alive today had they taken the simple precaution of wearing a life jacket when they went out on the water,” which includes a Vermonter from 2016; and
- WHEREAS,** in an effort to combat these statistics, the National Safe Boating Council (NSBC), in partnership with the U.S. Coast Guard and the National Association of State Boating Law Administrators (NASBLA), will launch the annual North American Safe Boating Campaign during National Safe Boating Week, which is designed to reach more than 70 million boaters around North America and communicates this year’s lifesaving message: “Boat Smart. Boat Safe. Wear it.”; and
- WHEREAS,** boating smart is an essential part of any day on the water regardless of where you boat.
- NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Philip B. Scott, Governor, do hereby proclaim May 20-26, 2017 as

SAFE BOATING WEEK

in Vermont.



Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 20th day of May, A.D. 2017.

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Philip B. Scott
Governor

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brittney L. Wilson", is written over a horizontal line.

Brittney L. Wilson
Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs