

COUNTY OF



ALLEGHENY

RICH FITZGERALD  
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

## *Proclamation*

***WHEREAS**, the North American Safe Boating Campaign began in 1957 and works to spread the message of boating safety, encourage boater education, and help to save lives; and*

***WHEREAS**, the theme for this year's Safe Boating Campaign is "Wear It!" reminding all water enthusiasts to wear their life jackets, which are smaller and more comfortable than in years past; and*

***WHEREAS**, each year, an average of 700 fatalities are caused by boating-related accidents nationwide, with nearly 70% of these due to drowning; as many as 80% of boaters who lose their lives by drowning each year would still be alive had they worn a life jacket; and*

***WHEREAS**, the Coast Guard Auxiliary, a civilian volunteer component of the U.S. Coast Guard, has been instrumental in spreading the message of safe boating not just during boating season but throughout the year; and*

***WHEREAS**, Allegheny County is fortunate to have multiple rivers as sources of recreation and in accordance, all citizens should adhere to the regulations set forth for safe boating practices; the county is also fortunate to have a Coast Guard Auxiliary which is proactive and committed to spreading its message.*

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that I, Allegheny County Executive Rich Fitzgerald, by virtue of the authority vested in me, do hereby proclaim May 17-23, 2014 as "Safe Boating Week" in Allegheny County and encourage all residents to familiarize themselves with boater education and the proper use of life jackets.*

***IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the County of Allegheny to be affixed this 17<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2014.*

*Rich Fitzgerald*

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