

Proclamation

WHEREAS, lack of basic boating and ocean safety knowledge may cause collisions and accidents out at sea and other waterways, resulting in loss of lives and property each year; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Coast Guard, its auxiliary, Honolulu Sail and Power Squadron and Hawaii Department of Land and Natural Resources hold safe boating courses, conduct search-and-rescue missions, inspect craft for safety equipment, and take part in other activities to protect people in Oahu's near-shore and open-ocean waters; and

WHEREAS, the Central Pacific ocean offers some of the most exhilarating water recreational opportunities in the world, where Hawaii residents and visitors enjoy a multitude of boating activities; and

WHEREAS, numerous agencies, private groups and community organizations promote and educate vessel operators on ocean safety; and

WHEREAS, boating-related tragedy may result if vessel operators are not properly trained in safe vessel handling and if adequate safety equipment is not carried on board; and

WHEREAS, the week of May 22 – 28 is part of a national effort to focus on boating safety,

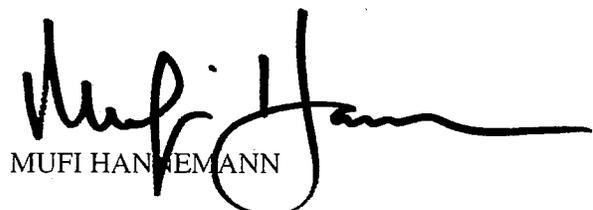
NOW, THEREFORE, I, MUFI HANNEMANN, Mayor of the City and County of Honolulu, do hereby proclaim May 22 – 28, 2010, to be

SAFE BOATING WEEK

in the City and County of Honolulu, to raise awareness of safe boating practices including wearing life jackets, carrying a VHF radio, and utilizing the services of the Department of Land and Natural Resources, Coast Guard Auxiliary and Honolulu Sail and Power Squadron.



Done this 8th day of April, 2010,
in Honolulu, Hawaii.


MUFI HANNEMANN