



**STATE OF TEXAS
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR**

Texas is blessed with an abundance of beautiful waterways. From scenic rivers and clear blue lakes to the Gulf of Mexico, our waterways offer enjoyment to boating enthusiasts across the Lone Star State.

But fun can turn to tragedy when boating accidents occur. Most are caused by human error and can be avoided by following a few simple safety tips: obtaining the proper licenses, avoiding reckless behavior and wearing life jackets.

Each May, the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary and organizations across the Lone Star State join forces to increase recreational boating safety awareness. As the summer heat sets in and more Texans begin to enjoy our great outdoors, it becomes paramount for boaters to follow recommended safety standards.

At this time, I encourage all Texans to have fun on the water this summer and make some great memories — but keep safety at the front and center of your boating plans.

Therefore, I, Greg Abbott, Governor of Texas, do hereby proclaim May 16–22, 2015, to be

Safe Boating Week

in Texas, and urge the appropriate recognition whereof.

In official recognition whereof, I hereby affix my signature this the 13th day of April, 2015.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Greg Abbott".

Governor of Texas

