



THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF SAN MATEO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
PROCLAMATION DESIGNATING MAY 17<sup>TH</sup> – 24<sup>TH</sup>, 2025 AS

*Safe Boating and Beach Safety Week*

**WHEREAS**, the San Mateo Coastline, stretching an impressive 57.7 miles, is a uniquely vast and ecologically rich region characterized by its dramatic coastal bluffs, expansive marshlands, and thriving coastal prairies; a biologically diverse landscape providing vital habitats for a wide range of wildlife species and fertile lands that have sustained life for centuries; carrying deep ancestral significance, as it was first stewarded by Indigenous tribes who lived in harmony with the land and sea, preserving its abundant natural resources and nurturing the balance of this thriving ecosystem; and

**WHEREAS**, the San Mateo Coastline provides residents, visitors and tourists a wide variety of water activities, including boating, fishing, kayaking, paddleboarding, sailing, and surfing, drawing residents and visitors from across the region and beyond; and

**WHEREAS**, an active coastline requires the promotion of public welfare and community engagement through initiatives that support beach and boating safety practices; and

**WHEREAS**, recognizing the unique geographic and recreational value of our coastal areas, various law enforcement, city agencies, county agencies, and state agencies have prioritized the promotion of beach and boating safety practices to help protect residents and visitors from preventable injuries and drowning incidents along our shoreline; and

**WHEREAS**, beach and boating safety practices shall bring awareness about the dangers of rip currents, sneaker waves, heat-related illnesses, and sun safety through the distribution of educational materials, beach signage, and support of lifeguard training programs in collaboration with local authorities and coastal safety organizations; and

**WHEREAS**, beach and boating safety practices can be introduced at early ages to foster a culture of safety by having conversations during beach visits and incorporating interactive presentations into school and youth programs, so that children and families can be equipped with the knowledge to recognize ocean hazards and respond to emergencies with confidence and preparedness; and

**WHEREAS**, beach and boating safety practices can positively influence beachgoers to adopt environmentally responsible behavior, including proper disposal of waste, protection of marine life, and participation in regular beach clean-up efforts that ensure a safe and welcoming coastal environment for all.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Mateo, State of California, hereby proclaims May 17<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup>, 2025 as Safe Boating and Beach Safety Week in San Mateo County and encourages all residents and visitors to become familiar with safe beach and boating practices and maintain awareness while enjoying the coastal resources of San Mateo County.

*Dated: May 20, 2025*



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