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EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT  
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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**PROCLAMATION**

California's exquisite coastlines, rivers and lakes are prime settings for a wide range of recreational activities from fishing and swimming to water skiing and boating. Along with these pristine landscapes and waterways comes a responsibility to enjoy our resources safely.

Last year, more than fifty people died as the result of boating accidents and another 425 were injured. The vast majority of these tragedies were the result of human error and could have been prevented.

The California Department of Boating and Waterways estimates that eighty-five percent of boating related fatalities could have been avoided by simply using life jackets. I urge all citizens to exercise caution when operating or riding in boats and to always wear their life jackets. This basic yet important message can help save lives, and I encourage Californians to join me in working to raise awareness of boating safety throughout this and every week.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, ARNOLD SCHWARZENEGGER**, Governor of the State of California, do hereby proclaim May 20-26, as "Safe Boating Week."

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF** I have here unto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 15th day of May 2006.

Handwritten signature of Arnold Schwarzenegger in black ink.

Arnold Schwarzenegger  
GOVERNOR OF CALIFORNIA  
Attest:



Handwritten signature of Bruce McPherson in black ink.

Bruce McPherson  
SECRETARY OF STATE