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A PROCLAMATION
(Sports Afloat Safety Week)

WHEREAS, there are 7,000 persons drowned annually in the United States, and
WHEREAS, the number of drowning tragedies in our own State have reached alarming proportions, and
WHEREAS, a large number of these tragedies are caused by the improper use of small craft, and
WHEREAS, beaches, lakes, streams, and pools throughout our State are now being visited by increasing numbers of our citizens seeking recreational facilities, and
WHEREAS, the National Sports Afloat Safety Council is seeking to educate our people in the need for water safety precautions, now

THEREFORE, I, J. Strom Thurmond, Governor of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim the week of June 6-12, as SPORTS Afloat Safety Week, and urge all our citizens to take heed and see that when we "Play on Water, Play Safe."

Given under my hand and seal this 20th day of May in the year of our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Forty-Eight.

J. Strom Thurmond, Governor