WHEREAS, the City of Wylie is known for its close proximity to Lavon Lake and Lake Ray Hubbard where citizens enjoy a variety of water activities; and

WHEREAS, nearly 90 million Americans, from coast to coast take to the water to enjoy boating, sailing, paddling, and fishing; and

WHEREAS, on average, 650 people die each year in boating-related accidents in the U.S. with approximately three-fourths of these fatalities caused by drowning; and

WHEREAS, the vast majority of these accidents are caused by human error or poor judgment and not by the boat, equipment, or environmental factors; and

WHEREAS, a significant number of boaters who lose their lives by drowning each year would be alive today had they worn their life jackets; and

WHEREAS, today’s life jackets are more comfortable, more attractive, and more wearable than styles of years past.

NOW, therefore, I, Eric Hogue, Mayor of the City of Wylie, on behalf of the Wylie City Council and the citizens of Wylie, on this the 10th day of May, 2016, am honored to proclaim the 21st day of May, 2016, through the 27th day of May, 2016, as,

“National Safe Boating Week”

in the City of Wylie, Texas, and call upon all citizens to support the goals of the North American Safe Boating Campaign (Wear It!), and encourage every boater to wear a U.S. Coast Guard-approved life jacket and practice safe and responsible boating by never operating a boat while under the influence of drugs or alcohol and knowing basic navigation rules.

Eric Hogue, Mayor
City of Wylie
State of Texas