A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the beautiful coastal and inland beaches of Charleston represent a world-renowned recreational resource; and,

WHEREAS, Charlestonians and visitors alike are drawn to these beaches by the millions each year for water and beach activities; and,

WHEREAS, the aquatic environment has risks that can be effectively managed through public awareness and the vigilance of professional lifeguards; and,

WHEREAS, for reasons of public safety, an annual reminder of the joys and hazards associated with the aquatic environment are appropriate at the commencement of the busy summer beach season; and,

WHEREAS, Charlestonians and visitors alike must remember to Learn to Swim, Respect the Power of the Surf, Swim Near a Lifegaurd and Never Drink Alcohol Before Swimming;

So, NOW, THEREFORE, I, Richard F. Cronin, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Isle of Palms do hereby proclaim May 17-24, 2009 as:

National Beach Safety Week

in the City of Isle of Palms, and urge all residents using our beaches to enjoy themselves at the beach this year, while taking appropriate measures to protect themselves and their children.

Richard F. Cronin, Mayor