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**Brazos River Authority would like to encourage others to
“Wear Your Life Jacket to Work” on May 19**

May 10, 2017 – Granbury, TX– The Brazos River Authority is encouraging everyone to “Wear Your Life Jacket to Work” on Friday, May 19, 2017. The national event is held each year to stress the importance of wearing a life jacket while on or near the water and to demonstrate their comfort and versatility by wearing them to work.

“Wear Your Life Jacket to Work” Day kicks off the Brazos River Authority’s Water Safety Awareness Day at Lake Granbury scheduled for Saturday, May 20 and National Safe Boating Week, May 20-26, the official launch of the 2017 North American Safe Boating Campaign.

Hosted by the National Safe Boating Council (NSBC), “Wear Your Life Jacket to Work” Day serves as a fun, educational element of National Safe Boating Week. U.S. Coast Guard statistics show that drowning was the reported cause of death in approximately 75 percent of recreational boating fatalities in 2015 and that approximately 85 percent of those who drowned were not wearing life jackets.

The National Safe Boating Council is asking all participants to take a picture of themselves in their life jacket while at work and post it to the “Ready, Set, Wear It!” Facebook page (www.Facebook.com/ReadySetWearIt) or submit directly to the NSBC at lnaylor@safeboatingcouncil.org. Participants are also encouraged to tweet their picture using #readysewearit.

“Wear Your Life Jacket to Work” will be followed by the Brazos River Authority’s Water Safety Awareness Day at Lake Granbury’s Rough Creek Park on Saturday, May 20 from 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. The BRA will be giving away free life jackets for kids while supplies last and will be assisting the National Safe Boating Council’s “Ready, Set, Wear It” campaign with an attempt to break the 2015 world record for the most people wearing a life jacket in one day. The event will also feature the Texas Parks and Wildlife Kid Fish program, providing fishing equipment and expert instruction on fishing for children that would like to participate. New this year will be radio station KOME 95.3, Country that Rocks! broadcasting live from this event.

Members of the boating public, as well as those interested in showing the wear-ability of life jackets, are encouraged to participate in "Wear Your Life Jacket to Work." More information about the event and safe boating are available at www.Facebook.com/ReadySetWearIt.

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About the Brazos River Authority

The Brazos River Authority, with headquarters in Waco, is the oldest river authority in Texas. Created by the Texas Legislature in 1929, the Authority's 42,000 square-mile territory includes all or part of 70 counties; extending from the Texas-New Mexico border west of Lubbock to the Gulf of Mexico near Freeport.

The BRA built, owns, and operates three reservoirs (Lakes Possum Kingdom, Granbury, and Limestone). In addition to these water supply reservoirs, the BRA contracts with the Corps of Engineers for the water supply storage space at eight federal multi-purpose flood control and water conservation reservoirs (Lakes Whitney, Belton, Proctor, Somerville, Stillhouse Hollow, Granger, Georgetown and Aquilla).

The Brazos River Authority operates a regional wastewater system for the cities of Temple-Belton and the Brushy Creek Regional Wastewater System for the City of Round Rock. The BRA also operates wastewater treatment plants for the cities of Clute-Richwood, Sugar Land, and Hutto. The BRA owns and operates the East Williamson County Regional Water System for the City of Taylor.

The BRA engages in water quality monitoring activities throughout the Brazos River basin. As a member of the Texas Clean River Program, the BRA samples and tests water from more than 100 locations throughout the basin on either a monthly, quarterly or annual basis. For further information on the Brazos River Authority, please contact Judi Pierce, Public Information Officer at 254-761-3103.