

2023 Regular Session

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 50

BY SENATOR HENSGENS

SPECIAL DAY/WEEK/MONTH. Designates May 20 through 26, 2023, as Safe Boating Week in Louisiana.

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2 To designate May 20 through 26, 2023, as Safe Boating Week in Louisiana.

3 WHEREAS, the United States has over 13 million boats, and 314,000 of those boats
4 are on Louisiana waters; and

5 WHEREAS, the vast majority of boating incidents are caused by human error or poor
6 judgment and not by the boat, equipment, or environmental factors; and

7 WHEREAS, approximately seventy-five percent of our state's fatalities on the water
8 are due to drowning; and

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

11 WHEREAS, while boats are a marvelous source of recreation, unknowledgeable boat
12 operators are a risk to other boaters when they do not know or obey the Navigation Rules
13 of the Road, drink alcohol or take drugs while operating a boat, or choose not to wear a life
14 jacket; and

15 WHEREAS, one precaution, wearing a life jacket, could save the lives of eighty
16 percent of those who fall into the water unexpectedly; and

17 WHEREAS, boating knowledge and skills are important in reducing human error and
18 improving judgment; and

1 WHEREAS, if people are aware of the risks they are more likely to take the
2 precautionary measures to protect themselves, their friends, family, and others, which is why
3 we must spread the message of boating safety education in our state.

4 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
5 proclaim May 20 through 26, 2023 as Safe Boating Week in the state of Louisiana.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Jacob K. Wilson.

DIGEST

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Designates May 20-26, 2023, as Safe Boating Week in Louisiana.