

2018 Regular Session

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 246

BY SENATOR LAMBERT

SPECIAL DAY/WEEK/MONTH. Designates May 19 - 25, 2018, as Safe Boating Week in Louisiana.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To urge and request the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana to proclaim and designate  
3 May 19-25, 2018, as Safe Boating Week in Louisiana.

4 WHEREAS, the United States has over thirteen million boats, and three hundred  
5 twenty-three thousand of those boats are on Louisiana waters; and

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

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

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

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

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

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1           WHEREAS, boating knowledge and skills are important in reducing human error and  
2 improving judgment; if people are aware of the risk they are more likely to take the  
3 precautionary measures to protect themselves, their friends, family, and others, which is why  
4 we must spread the message of boating safety education in our state.

5           THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana  
6 does hereby designate May 19-25, 2018 as Safe Boating Week in the state of Louisiana.

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The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part  
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Tammy Crain Waldrop.

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