

2019 Regular Session

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 96

BY SENATOR LAMBERT

SPECIAL DAY/WEEK/MONTH. Designates May 18-24, 2019, as Safe Boating Week in Louisiana.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To designate May 18-24, 2019, as Safe Boating Week in Louisiana.

3 WHEREAS, the United States has over thirteen million boats, and three hundred  
4 twenty-three thousand of those boats 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 of  
13 the road, drink alcohol, take drugs while operating a boat, or choose not to wear a life jacket;  
14 and

15 WHEREAS, one precaution, wearing a life jacket, could save eighty percent of the  
16 lives 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; if people are aware of the risk, they are more likely to take the

1 precautionary measures to protect themselves, their friends, family, and others, which is why  
2 we must spread the message of boating safety education in our state.

3 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana  
4 does hereby designate May 18-24, 2019, as Safe Boating Week in the State of Louisiana.

5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to  
6 secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries.

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The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part  
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Alan Miller.

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