

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 96

BY SENATOR LAMBERT

A RESOLUTION

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE