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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 9

BY SENATOR FOIL

SPECIAL DAY/WEEK/MONTH. Designates May 21 through May 27, 2022, as Safe Boating Week in Louisiana.

1	A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION
2	To designate May 21-27, 2022, as Safe Boating Week in Louisiana.
3	WHEREAS, this year the United States celebrates the fiftieth anniversary of the
4	Federal Boat Safety Act of 1971 which created a partnership between the federal
5	government and the states to improve the safety of recreational boating; and
6	WHEREAS, in recognition of the importance of safe boating practices, Congress by
7	joint resolution approved on June 4, 1958, and enacted 36 U.S.C. 131, as amended,
8	authorizing and requesting the president to proclaim annually the seven-day period before
9	Memorial Day weekend as "National Safe Boating Week"; and
10	WHEREAS, Louisiana proudly joins with the federal government's efforts of safe
11	boating by designating May 21-27, 2022, as Safe Boating Week in Louisiana; and
12	WHEREAS, Louisiana encourages all citizens to institute safe boating practices
13	necessary to enjoy Louisiana's waters responsibly, by taking the following necessary steps
14	to reduce injuries and fatalities, even as the number of our citizens spending time out on the
15	water continues to grow at an accelerated pace; and
16	WHEREAS, safe boating begins with education; new boaters should take a state
17	sponsored safe boating class to learn how they can ensure that everyone returns from the
18	water unharmed; and

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1	WHEREAS, planning also contributes to safe boating, and all boaters should
2	consider getting free vessel safety checks, conducted by the United States Coast Guard, to
3	make sure a boat is ready for navigation on the water; equipping every boat with the proper
4	life jackets for everyone onboard and requiring them to wear the jackets while on the water;
5	never piloting a boat while intoxicated and encouraging passengers to moderate their alcohol
6	consumption as a precaution against accidents; and labeling all boats, kayaks, paddle boards,
7	and life jackets with the name and phone number of the owner to prevent unnecessary false
8	search-and-rescue efforts by the Coast Guard; and
9	WHEREAS, while fishing, sailing, or otherwise enjoying Louisiana's beautiful
10	waterways with family or friends, it is essential to follow safe boating practices for
11	everyone's protection; and
12	WHEREAS, the Legislature of Louisiana calls upon the entire boating public to take
13	preventive measures and exercise responsible behavior to help keep everyone out of harm's
14	way while engaging in boating activities on Louisiana's famous waterways, lakes, and rivers.
15	THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
16	recognize the importance of boating safety and designates May 21-27, 2022, as Safe Boating
17	Week in the state of Louisiana.
18	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to
19	Mr. William Hardy in care of the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Ann S. Brown.

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