

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 50

BY SENATOR HENSGENS

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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

WHEREAS, the United States has over 13 million boats, and 314,000 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 or take drugs while operating a boat, or choose not to wear a life jacket; and

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

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

WHEREAS, if people are aware of the risks 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 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby proclaim May 20 through 26, 2023 as Safe Boating Week in the state of Louisiana.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES