
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
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A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing "Wear It Pennsylvania!" as the campaign to increase
2 life jacket wear while boating in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, More Pennsylvanians than ever are heading to the
4 waterways for recreation and relaxation. Boating has become the
5 Commonwealth's premier recreational activity as people discover
6 the Keystone State's wonderful waterways, from wilderness
7 canoeing on the Clarion River to deep water boating on the
8 Delaware to exhilarating whitewater rafting on the Youghiogheny
9 River; and

10 WHEREAS, As more people turn to the water, safe boating
11 practices and boating safety education are more important than
12 ever. Whether enjoying water sports for the first time or
13 carrying on long-standing nautical traditions, all boaters need
14 to start the season with the basic knowledge and skills required
15 to ensure their own safety and the safety of their fellow
16 Pennsylvanians who take to the water; and

17 WHEREAS, The slogan "Wear It Pennsylvania!" is designed to
18 raise public awareness of the importance of life jacket wear.

1 Life jackets are the most important piece of equipment on a
2 boat. In fact, nearly 80% of boating fatalities in Pennsylvania
3 were not wearing a life jacket at the time of the incident; and

4 WHEREAS, In recognizing that fact, lives could be saved each
5 year by the simple act of wearing life jackets; and

6 WHEREAS, Life jackets are more comfortable, more attractive
7 and more wearable than styles of years past; and

8 WHEREAS, The law requires that a wearable life jacket be
9 carried for each person on a boat; therefore be it

10 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives support the goals
11 of "Wear It Pennsylvania!" and recognize this boating season as
12 the start of the year-round effort to promote safe boating in
13 Pennsylvania.