
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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NEILSON, READSHAW, MENTZER, McCLINTON AND GAINNEY,
FEBRUARY 28, 2020

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON GAME AND FISHERIES, FEBRUARY 28, 2020

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the week of May 16 through 22, 2020, as "National
2 Safe Boating Week" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Every year, Pennsylvanians take to the water on
4 various watercraft, from yachts on Lake Erie to one-person
5 kayaks on the many creeks and rivers in our Commonwealth; and

6 WHEREAS, Safe boating practices are everyone's
7 responsibility; and

8 WHEREAS, The laws of this Commonwealth require anyone born
9 after January 1, 1982, to obtain a boating safety certificate to
10 operate a personal watercraft or powerboat with a motor greater
11 than 25 horsepower; and

12 WHEREAS, Boating safety in Pennsylvania not only includes
13 safe operation of the vessel but also the use of life jackets;
14 and

15 WHEREAS, There were 306,781 recreational vehicles registered
16 within the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission in 2018; and

1 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania had 63 reportable recreational boating
2 accidents of all types in 2018; and

3 WHEREAS, Fourteen of those 63 accidents resulted in
4 fatalities, which is more than 20% of all boating accidents in
5 this Commonwealth; and

6 WHEREAS, Of the 14 deaths in 2018 due to boating accidents,
7 11 were the result of drowning; and

8 WHEREAS, During the week of May 16 through 22, boating groups
9 throughout Pennsylvania and the country are promoting boating
10 safety and wearing life jackets; therefore be it

11 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the
12 week of May 16 through 22, 2020, as "National Safe Boating Week"
13 in Pennsylvania.