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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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# SENATE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED BY ALLOWAY, JUNE 17, 2013

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A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the "Wear It Pennsylvania" campaign during the 2013  
2 boating season to increase life jacket wear while boating in  
3 Pennsylvania.

4 WHEREAS, More Pennsylvanians than ever are heading to the  
5 waterways for recreation and relaxation; and

6 WHEREAS, Boating has become this Commonwealth's premier  
7 recreational activity as people discover the Keystone State's  
8 wonderful waterways, from wilderness canoeing on the Clarion  
9 River to deep water boating on the Delaware to exhilarating  
10 whitewater rafting on the Youghiogheny River; and

11 WHEREAS, As more people turn to the water, safe boating  
12 practices and boating safety education are more important than  
13 ever; and

14 WHEREAS, Whether enjoying water sports for the first time or  
15 carrying on long-standing nautical traditions, all boaters need  
16 to start the season with the basic knowledge and skills required  
17 to ensure their own safety and the safety of their fellow  
18 Pennsylvanians who take to the water; and

19 WHEREAS, The slogan "Wear it Pennsylvania" is designed to

1 raise public awareness of the importance of life jacket wear;  
2 and

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

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

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

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

13 RESOLVED, That the Senate support the goals of "Wear It  
14 Pennsylvania" and recognize this boating season as the start of  
15 the year-round effort to promote safe boating in Pennsylvania.