
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 312 Session of
2019

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PASHINSKI, KORTZ, BARRAR, CIRESI, WARREN, PICKETT, ROZZI,
MENTZER AND McCLINTON, MAY 6, 2019

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
MAY 6, 2019

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the week of May 18 through 24, 2019, 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 a powerboat with a motor
11 greater 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 313,478 recreational vehicles registered

1 within the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission in 2017; and

2 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania had 69 reportable recreational boating
3 accidents of all types in 2017; and

4 WHEREAS, Fifteen of those 69 accidents resulted in
5 fatalities, which is more than 20% of all boating accidents in
6 this Commonwealth; and

7 WHEREAS, Of the 15 deaths in 2017 due to boating accidents,
8 14 were the result of drowning; and

9 WHEREAS, During the week of May 18 through 24, boating groups
10 throughout Pennsylvania and the country are promoting boating
11 safety and wearing life jackets; therefore be it

12 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the
13 week of May 18 through 24, 2019, as "National Safe Boating Week"
14 in Pennsylvania.