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**MEMORANDUM**

TO: All House Members

FROM: Representative John R. Evans, Chairman  
House Game and Fisheries Committee

DATE: March 26, 2012

RE: NATIONAL SAFE BOATING WEEK RESOLUTION

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In the near future, I plan to introduce a resolution recognizing the week of May 19 thru May 26, 2012 as "National Safe Boating Week" in Pennsylvania, in conjunction with federal recognition of National Safe Boating Week.

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

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

This year's theme in our Commonwealth is "Wear it Pennsylvania". The recognition is designed to raise public awareness of the importance of life jacket wear and the comfort of inflatable life jackets. Life jackets are the most important piece of equipment on a boat. In fact, nearly 80% of boating fatalities in Pennsylvania involved not wearing a life jacket at the time of the incident.

If you would like to join me in co-sponsoring this measure, please either call Juanita at (717) 772-9942 or email her at Jhoffman@pahousegop.com. Thank you for your consideration of this proposal.

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