
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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2017

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SANKEY, MATZIE, GILLEN AND HEFFLEY, APRIL 4, 2017

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
APRIL 4, 2017

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the week of May 20 through 26, 2017, 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, The Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission issued

1 14,892 new boating safety certificates in 2015; and

2 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania had 58 reportable recreational boating
3 accidents of all types in 2015, a decrease of 17% from 2014; and

4 WHEREAS, Only 4 of those 58 accidents resulted in fatalities,
5 well below the 10-year average of 13.4 victims; and

6 WHEREAS, During the week of May 20 through 26, boating groups
7 throughout Pennsylvania and the country are promoting boating
8 safety and wearing life jackets; therefore be it

9 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the
10 week of May 20 through 26, 2017, as "National Safe Boating Week"
11 in Pennsylvania.