
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 373 Session of
2019

INTRODUCED BY GILLESPIE, KORTZ, BIZZARRO, MALAGARI, RYAN,
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EVANS, JAMES AND ECKER, JUNE 4, 2019

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
JUNE 4, 2019

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the week of June 1 through June 9, 2019, as "Fishing
2 and Boating Week" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Fishing and boating are gateway activities leading
4 to involvement in other outdoor activities; and

5 WHEREAS, Fishing and boating are affordable and provide local
6 enjoyment for families; and

7 WHEREAS, Fishing and boating help protect national and state
8 waterways and fisheries, preserving them for future generations;
9 and

10 WHEREAS, "National Fishing and Boating Week" began as
11 "National Fishing Week" in 1979 when industry and conservation
12 leaders, state natural resource agencies and anglers organized a
13 unified effort to introduce more young people to the sport of
14 fishing and to outdoor conservation; and

15 WHEREAS, In 2001, the Recreational Boating and Fishing
16 Foundation (RBFF), a nonprofit organization dedicated to growing

1 participation in fishing, boating and aquatic stewardship, took
2 responsibility for "National Fishing and Boating Week"; and

3 WHEREAS, The RBFF reports that in 2017, 49.1 million
4 Americans 6 years of age or older participated in fishing, while
5 the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission serves 1.5 million
6 anglers and 3 million boaters annually; and

7 WHEREAS, This year marks the 40th anniversary of "National
8 Fishing and Boating Week"; and

9 WHEREAS, The RBFF encourages our fish and wildlife agencies
10 to participate in Free Fishing Days, in which Pennsylvania
11 participates twice each year through the Pennsylvania Fish and
12 Boat Commission, permitting persons to fish in waters and
13 waterways on these dedicated days without a fishing license;
14 therefore be it

15 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate the
16 week of June 1 through 9, 2019, as "Fishing and Boating Week" in
17 Pennsylvania.