

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE RESOLUTION

No. 117 Session of 2021

INTRODUCED BY BREWSTER, MAY 20, 2021

REFERRED TO RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS, MAY 20, 2021

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the week of May 22 through 28, 2021, as "National
 2 Safe Boating Week" in Pennsylvania and the start of the year-
 3 round effort to promote safe boating.

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 individuals discover the Keystone
 8 State's wonderful waterways, from canoeing and kayaking on the
 9 many creeks and ponds to deepwater boating on large rivers and
 10 lakes; and

11 WHEREAS, Safe boating practices and boating safety education
 12 are all boaters' responsibility whether first-time participants
 13 or seasoned operators; and

14 WHEREAS, Basic knowledge, skills and safety equipment are
 15 required to ensure boat operators' own safety and the safety of
 16 their fellow Pennsylvanians who take to the water; and

17 WHEREAS, Life jackets are the most important piece of
 18 equipment on a boat, as nearly 80% of individuals who have died
 19 in boating accidents in this Commonwealth were not wearing a

1 life jacket at the time of the incident; and

2 WHEREAS, The law requires that a wearable life jacket be
3 carried for each person on a boat; and

4 WHEREAS, Lives could be saved each year by the simple act of
5 wearing life jackets while boating; and

6 WHEREAS, During the week of May 22 through 28, boating groups
7 throughout this Commonwealth and the country are promoting
8 boating safety and wearing life jackets; therefore be it

9 RESOLVED, That the Senate recognize the week of May 22
10 through 28, 2021, as "National Safe Boating Week" in
11 Pennsylvania and the start of the year-round effort to promote
12 safe boating.