

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 87

Reps. St. Germaine, Roth, Schmaltz, Bierlein, Pavlov, DeBoyer
and Robinson offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution to declare May 2025 as Boating Safety Month in
2 the state of Michigan.

3 Whereas, Michigan is home to over 11,000 inland lakes,
4 thousands of miles of rivers, borders four of the five Great Lakes,
5 and home of Boat Town U.S.A, making our state a premier destination
6 for recreational boating; and

7 Whereas, Boating is a cherished tradition of fantastic
8 diversity of water-based recreation for Michigan families and
9 visitors each year, offering opportunities for recreation, family
10 time, tourism, and connection with nature; and

11 Whereas, There has been a long and important presence of
12 responsible boating safety in our Great Lakes State; and

13 Whereas, Participation in recreational boating has increased

1 in recent years, which comes with a heightened need for promoting
2 safe boating practices, including the critical importance of
3 navigation awareness, operator responsibility, using common sense,
4 mandatory safety equipment, monitoring weather conditions,
5 accessible life jackets and understanding fundamental safety
6 guidelines; and

7 Whereas, National Safe Boating Week, observed in May, serves
8 as a springboard for broader education efforts across the month,
9 encouraging boaters to be responsible, stay alert, have a float
10 plan, and take safety seriously before heading out on the water;
11 and

12 Whereas, State agencies, law enforcement, safety
13 organizations, and volunteer groups across Michigan play an
14 essential role in educating the public on learning and practicing
15 safe boating by taking boating education courses, getting vessel
16 safety checks, using commons sense, being weather-wise, operating
17 soberly, and knowing the nautical rules of the water to ensure that
18 captains and crew return to the shores of beautiful Michigan
19 safely; now, therefore, be it

20 Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of
21 this legislative body declare May 2025 as Boating Safety in the
22 state of Michigan. We encourage all residents and visitors to
23 engage in safe and responsible boating practices.