

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 313

Reps. Roth, Allor, Rogers, Markkanen, Borton, Cherry, Maddock, Bezotte, Garza, Glanville, Haadsma, Hood, Morse, Sabo, Sneller, Steenland and Young offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution to declare June 4-11, 2022, as Boating and
2 Fishing Week in the state of Michigan.

3 Whereas, Michigan is home to more than 800,000 registered
4 boats and an estimated 600,000 non-registered canoes and kayaks.
5 Michigan is also home to an estimated 4 million boating
6 enthusiasts, and

7 Whereas, Michigan ranks third nationally in boating
8 registration and ranks as the third largest boating market in the
9 country; and

10 Whereas, Recreational boating has an annual \$7.8 billion
11 impact on the state's economy and the boating industry provides

1 more than 58,000 jobs in Michigan; and

2 Whereas, In Michigan, recreational boaters are never farther
3 than 6 miles from a lake or stream. Michigan has 11,037 inland
4 lakes and ponds and 36,350 miles of rivers and streams; and

5 Whereas, Michigan has 1,300 public access sites, more than
6 1000 marinas, and 80 Harbors of Refuge available for boaters to
7 launch and or store their vessels; and

8 Whereas, Michigan has 3,288 miles of Great Lakes shoreline
9 which exceeds that of the United States Atlantic general coastline
10 of 2,069 miles; and

11 Whereas, Michigan's Harbors program provides that boaters are
12 never more than 30 miles from a safe harbor when boating Michigan's
13 Great Lakes shoreline; and

14 Whereas, Michigan's varied water surfaces are home to 154
15 species of fish which enhance the incredible range of freshwater
16 boating experiences for all types and sizes of recreational
17 watercraft; and

18 Whereas, Fifty percent of all boating activity is fishing-
19 related. Boating and fishing are recreational activities open to
20 individuals of any age and agility; and

21 Whereas, Boating and fishing offer a safe, outdoor,
22 recreational opportunity to commune with nature, destress, and
23 spend quality time with friends and family making memories that
24 last a lifetime; and

25 Whereas, Michigan Boating and Fishing Week is an opportunity
26 for government to join forces with recreational boating
27 associations, businesses, manufacturers, groups, organizations,
28 clubs and citizens to promote boating and the abundance of
29 freshwater resources Michigan has to offer its citizens and

1 visitors; and

2 Whereas, 2022 celebrates the 75th anniversary of the Michigan
3 State Waterways Commission and is to be honored by celebrating the
4 deep connection between Michigan's maritime history and a
5 commitment to the sustainability of the natural resources now and
6 into the future; now, therefore, be it

7 Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of
8 this legislative body declare June 4-11, 2022, as Boating and
9 Fishing Week in the state of Michigan.