

# HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 313

Reps. Roth, Allor, Rogers, Markkanen, Borton, Cherry and Maddock 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  
12 more than 58,000 jobs in Michigan; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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