

## HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 87

Reps. St. Germaine, Roth, Schmaltz, Bierlein, Pavlov, DeBoyer, Robinson, Alexander, Glanville, MacDonell, Paiz, Rheingans, Rogers and Young 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

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

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

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

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