

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 246

BY SENATOR LAMBERT

A RESOLUTION

To urge and request the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana to proclaim and designate
May 19-25, 2018, as Safe Boating Week in Louisiana.

WHEREAS, the United States has over thirteen million boats, and three hundred
twenty-three thousand of those boats are on Louisiana waters; and

WHEREAS, the vast majority of boating incidents are caused by human error or poor
judgment and not by the boat, equipment, or environmental factors; and

WHEREAS, approximately seventy-five of our state's fatalities on the water are due
to drowning; and

WHEREAS, a significant number of boaters who lose their lives by drowning each
year would be alive today had they worn their life jackets; and

WHEREAS, while boats are a marvelous source of recreation, unknowledgeable boat
operators are a risk to other boaters when they do not know or obey the navigation rules of
the road, drink alcohol, or take drugs while operating a boat, or choose not to wear a life
jacket; and

WHEREAS, one precaution, wearing a life jacket, could save eighty percent of the
lives of those who fall into the water unexpectedly; and

WHEREAS, boating knowledge and skills are important in reducing human error and
improving judgment; if people are aware of the risk they are more likely to take the
precautionary measures to protect themselves, their friends, family, and others, which is why
we must spread the message of boating safety education in our state.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana
does hereby designate May 19-25, 2018, as Safe Boating Week in the state of Louisiana.

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE