
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED BY MIHALEK, VENKAT, FREEMAN, KINSEY, PICKETT,
R. MACKENZIE, NEILSON, CONKLIN AND ZIMMERMAN, MAY 28, 2024

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON TOURISM AND ECONOMIC AND RECREATIONAL
DEVELOPMENT, MAY 28, 2024

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the month of May 2024 as "National Water Safety
2 Month" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, The residents of this Commonwealth understand the
4 vital role that swimming and aquatic-related activities play in
5 good physical and mental health and enhance the quality of life
6 for all people; and

7 WHEREAS, Education regarding the topic of water safety is
8 essential to preventing drownings and recreational water-related
9 injuries; and

10 WHEREAS, In boating accidents in this Commonwealth from 2022
11 to 2023, of 17 fatalities involving boats, only four individuals
12 were wearing life jackets; and

13 WHEREAS, In 2021, 23 year old James DeAngelo, a graduate from
14 Peters Township High School, drowned at a marina in Washington
15 County, suspected to be caused by an electrical shock from below
16 the water; and

17 WHEREAS, Members of the recreational water industry,

1 including the Pool and Hot Tub Alliance, American Red Cross,
2 National Drowning Prevention Alliance, World Waterpark
3 Association and the National Recreation and Parks Association,
4 have combined resources in an effort to educate Americans to be
5 "water aware" during "National Water Safety Month" in May; and

6 WHEREAS, These organizations are using this opportunity to
7 promote water safety by providing education on preventing
8 recreational water-related injuries and deaths to families and
9 individuals of all ages, whether owners of private pools, users
10 of public swimming facilities or visitors to water parks;
11 therefore be it

12 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the
13 month of May 2024 as "National Water Safety Month" in
14 Pennsylvania.