

2026 Regular Session

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 81

BY SENATOR FOIL

SPECIAL DAY/WEEK/MONTH. Designates May 16 through 23, 2026, as Safe Boating Week in Louisiana.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To designate May 16 through 23, 2026, as Safe Boating Week in Louisiana.

3 WHEREAS, the Federal Boat Safety Act of 1971 created a partnership between the  
4 federal government and the states to improve the safety of recreational boating; and

5 WHEREAS, in recognition of the importance of safe boating practices, the United  
6 States Congress by joint resolution approved on June 4, 1958, and enacted 36 U.S.C. 131,  
7 authorizing and requesting the president of the United States to annually proclaim the  
8 seven-day period before Memorial Day weekend as "National Safe Boating Week"; and

9 WHEREAS, the United States has nearly twelve million registered recreational boats  
10 and over three hundred thousand of those boats are on Louisiana waters; and

11 WHEREAS, while fishing, sailing, or otherwise enjoying Louisiana's beautiful  
12 waterways with family or friends, it is essential to follow safe boating practices for  
13 everyone's protection; and

14 WHEREAS, Louisiana encourages all citizens to institute safe boating practices and  
15 to enjoy Louisiana's waters responsibly by taking the necessary steps to reduce injuries and  
16 fatalities; and

17 WHEREAS, the United States Coast Guard considers operator use of engine cut-off  
18 switches to be important because when operators are ejected or fall overboard, the boat will

