

House Concurrent Resolution No. 49

97TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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2 **WHEREAS**, in 2012, the United States Coast Guard recorded over six hundred fifty
3 fatalities and three thousand injuries resulting from boating accidents; and

4 **WHEREAS**, the total estimated property damage from recreational boating accidents in
5 a single year can total more than thirty-five million dollars, and does not include medical
6 expenses or loss of life; and

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8 **WHEREAS**, in 2012, nearly ninety percent of people who drowned in a boating accident
9 were not wearing a life jacket; and

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11 **WHEREAS**, operator inattention, operator inexperience, an improper lookout, and
12 excessive speed have been identified as four of the five leading causes of boating accidents, all
13 of which are readily preventable; and

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15 **WHEREAS**, Missouri is home to hundreds of beautiful lakes and rivers enjoyed by
16 thousands of residents and visitors alike; and

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18 **WHEREAS**, Missouri ranked 7th on the list of the top 10 states for number of boating
19 accidents as recently as two years ago with over one hundred and forty reported boating
20 accidents:

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22 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the members of the House of
23 Representatives of the Ninety-seventh General Assembly, Second Regular Session, the Senate
24 concurring therein, hereby recognize the week of May 18th through May 24th, 2014, as “Missouri
25 Safe Boating Week” in an effort to raise awareness and promote safe and responsible boating
26 practices in the state; and

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28 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the General Assembly recommends to the citizens
29 of this state to observe the week by educating themselves and others about the importance of
30 being safe while on the water.

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