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

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

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

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

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

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the members of the House of Representatives of the Ninety-seventh General Assembly, Second Regular Session, the Senate concurring therein, hereby recognize the week of May 17th through May 23rd, 2014, as “Missouri Safe Boating Week” in an effort to raise awareness and promote safe and responsible boating practices in the state; and

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

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