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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Texas offers numerous opportunities for residents 3 and visitors to take part in water-related recreation; and

WHEREAS, While the benefits of such activities are many, it is vitally important that proper measures be taken to avoid accidents; whether individuals are enjoying lakes, rivers, the Gulf of Mexico, or a public or private pool, water safety is essential to preventing drowning and injuries; and

9 WHEREAS, Each year, more than 100 Texas children die from 10 drowning, making it one of the leading causes of childhood injury 11 deaths; moreover, the rates of drowning-related deaths in the state 12 are consistently higher than the national average; and

WHEREAS, Studies of seasonal variations have shown that two-thirds of the drowning deaths of young children and adolescents occur in the months of May through August; raising awareness of this issue in advance of the summer months will encourage the citizens of the Lone Star State to exercise caution and will help reinforce the message that water safety is everyone's responsibility; now, therefore, be it

20 RESOLVED, That the 83rd Legislature of the State of Texas 21 hereby designate April as Water Safety Month; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That in accordance with the provisions of Subsection (d), Section 391.004, Government Code, the designation expires on the 10th anniversary of the date this resolution is

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1 passed by the legislature.