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R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS, National Water Safety Month is taking place in May 2023, and this month-long initiative serves as a reminder for Texans to exercise caution and follow safety rules when around water; and

WHEREAS, Although many Texans seek to escape the heat during the summer months at the state's many lakes, rivers, beaches, swimming pools, and water parks, it is important to be aware of dangers that can arise from any activity involving water; and

WHEREAS, Last year, 76 children in Texas died from drowning accidents; drowning is the leading cause of accidental death for children under the age of five, and it can occur in almost any amount of water, making it imperative that children are supervised at all times, whether they are indoors or outdoors; and

WHEREAS, A number of organizations have joined together to promote National Water Safety Month, among them the Pool & Hot Tub Alliance, the American Red Cross, the National Drowning Prevention Alliance, the National Recreation and Park Association, and the World Waterpark Association; this coalition has worked to raise awareness of ways that Americans can stay safe, which include learning swimming skills, wearing life jackets, avoiding alcohol, and knowing how to recognize the signs that someone is drowning; and

WHEREAS, Following water safety precautions can prevent accidents and save lives, and by promoting the message of Water Safety Month, we can help ensure that more Texans are prepared for the potential dangers that they may encounter when participating in water-based activities; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 88th Texas Legislature hereby recognize May 2023 as Water Safety Month.