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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, National Water Safety Month is taking place in May
2 2023, and this month-long initiative serves as a reminder for
3 Texans to exercise caution and follow safety rules when around
4 water; and

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

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

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

22 WHEREAS, Following water safety precautions can prevent
23 accidents and save lives, and by promoting the message of Water
24 Safety Month, we can help ensure that more Texans are prepared for

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1 the potential dangers that they may encounter when participating in
2 water-based activities; now, therefore, be it

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