

Senate Resolution No. 3034

BY: Senator CARLUCCI

MEMORIALIZING Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim July 2017, as Boating Safety Awareness Month in the State of New York

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize official months that are set aside to increase awareness of issues that affect the lives of citizens of New York State; and

WHEREAS, The month of July is the height of summer, where water-based activities such as boating are at their peak; and

WHEREAS, In 2012, Bryan Johnson lost his life in a tragic boating accident; and

WHEREAS, In 2013 legislation was enacted that mandates that anyone born after 1996 take an eight hour boating safety course; and

WHEREAS, There was 22 deaths related to recreational boating in New York State in 2016, up from 16 in 2015; and

WHEREAS, Inexperienced and/or reckless boaters cause a great deal of danger and property damage when they irresponsibly operate at excessive speeds while not obeying navigation laws or do not understand the laws; and

WHEREAS, Many boaters have never taken a boating safety course and, while they may think they are abiding by the navigation laws, they put themselves, as well as others, in danger; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body reaffirms its commitment to fostering continuing attention to boating safety in New York State, and encourages all New Yorkers to participate in Boating Safety Awareness Month; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to memorialize Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim July 2017, as Boating Safety Awareness Month in the State of New York; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to The Honorable Andrew M. Cuomo, Governor of the State of New York.