

**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.