

Reps. Byrum, Accavitti, Amos, Anderson, Bieda, Bisbee, Bradstreet, Brown, Caswell, Dennis, DeRossett, Ehardt, Elkins, Farhat, Farrah, Gielegem, Gillard, Gleason, Hoogendyk, Huizenga, Hune, Jamnick, Julian, Kolb, LaSata, Lipsey, McConico, Meyer, Minore, Mortimer, Murphy, O'Neil, Palsrok, Pappageorge, Plakas, Richardville, Rocca, Sheltroun, Shulman, Spade, Tabor, Tobocman, Vander Veen, Waters, Woodward, Woronchak, Brandenburg, Hopgood, Law and Wojno offered the following resolution:

House Resolution No. 93.

A resolution designating August 9, 2003, and each succeeding second Saturday in August as Michigan Marina Day.

Whereas, The citizens of Michigan place a high value on the recreational qualities of our natural resources, in particular our Great Lakes and inland waterways; and

Whereas, The word "marina" was first used in 1928 by the National Association of Engine & Boat Manufacturers to define a recreational boating facility; and

Whereas, Michigan is home to over 1,000 recreational boating and harbor facilities. They contribute substantially to their communities' lifestyles, recreation and tourism. They also provide a safe and reliable gateway to boating; and

Whereas, Michigan's marinas also serve as stewards of the environment, actively seeking to protect and preserve their surrounding waterways for future generations; and

Whereas, Michigan's marinas provide the most significant venue for its citizens and visitors to share the wonders of its shorelines and waterways for family and friends; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of this legislative body designate August 9, 2003, as Michigan's first annual Marina Day in order to recognize Michigan's marinas for their contributions and service to the state of Michigan and its citizenry; and be it further

Resolved, That each succeeding second Saturday of August shall be recognized as Michigan Marina Day. Michigan will join together with other states in celebrating National Marina Day; and be it further

Resolved, That Michigan's marinas will continue to provide environmental-friendly access to our state's greatest natural resource.