

As Introduced

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H. R. No. 439

Representative Lorenz

A RESOLUTION

Recognizing Water Safety Month.

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BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF OHIO:

WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of the 136th General Assembly of Ohio are pleased to recognize May as Water Safety Month 2026; and

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WHEREAS, Swimming and other water-based exercises are some of the most popular activities in the United States and these activities contribute to improved physical and mental health and overall quality of life; and

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WHEREAS, There are approximately 4,000 unintentional drownings and 8,000 nonfatal drownings annually in the United States, accounting for an average of 11 drowning deaths per day and 22 nonfatal drownings per day; and

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WHEREAS, Drowning is a leading cause of death for children between the ages of 1 to 4 and a second leading cause of unintentional injury death for children between the ages of 5 to 14 in the United States; and

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WHEREAS, Drowning is preventable through education, supervision, and preparedness; and

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WHEREAS, Swimming is a vital life-saving skill rather than

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a luxury. Early childhood instruction can promote water 20
awareness, water competency, safe swimming practices in 21
different aquatic environments, and significantly reduce 22
drowning risks and protect Ohio families and communities; 23
therefore be it 24

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the House of 25
Representatives of the 136th General Assembly of Ohio, in 26
adopting this Resolution, recognize May 2026 as Water Safety 27
Month; and be it further 28

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the House of Representatives 29
transmit duly authenticated copies of this Resolution to the 30
news media of Ohio. 31