

2003 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 38

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1 **Relating to:** declaring June Kids Safety Month.

2 Whereas, research shows that nationally from 1987 to 2000 the unintentional
3 injury death rate for children age 14 years and under has dropped by nearly 40%; and

4 Whereas, in this region, the rate was closer to 30%; and

5 Whereas, while this is one of the most dramatic declines ever seen in a
6 children's health issue, unintentional injuries remain the number one killer of
7 children age 14 years and under in the United States; and

8 Whereas, children are at greater risk than adults of recreational injuries
9 because they are unable to assess the risks involved and have less coordination,
10 slower reaction times, and less accuracy; and

11 Whereas, children develop at different rates, both physically and
12 psychologically, and a less developed child competing against a more mature child
13 of the same age and weight is at a disadvantage and may be at greater risk for injury;
14 and

