

Reps. Shaughnessy, Crawford, Rogers, LaFontaine, Muxlow, Olson, Shirkey, Zorn, Brown, Darany, Dillon, Heise, Hooker, Huuki, Knollenberg, Liss, Poleski and Tyler offered the following resolution:

House Resolution No. 47.

A resolution to declare May 2011 as Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month in the state of Michigan.

Whereas, Michigan has 251,747 registered motorcycles and 555,163 individuals who have operator licenses with a motorcycle endorsement; and

Whereas, The safe operation of a motorcycle requires the use of special skills developed through a combination of training and expertise, the use of good judgment, plus a thorough knowledge of traffic laws and licensing requirements; and

Whereas, The use of proper protective riding apparel is an important part of a motorcycle operator's responsibility; and

Whereas, Motorcycle safety awareness promotion is a cooperative effort to decrease the number of injuries and fatalities associated with motorcycling; and

Whereas, The promotion of motorcycle rider education programs available through the Michigan Department of State, including recommendations that motorcycle operators wear the proper gear in addition to driving their vehicles defensively and cautiously is intended to reduce the number of crashes; and

Whereas, The emergence of spring is synonymous with the return of motorcycle mavens to our state's roadways. Throughout Michigan, motorcyclists have been on the cutting edge of promoting the wise and sensible use of this enjoyable mode of travel. Indeed, the disproportionate number of motorcycle fatalities makes it vitally important to encourage motorcyclists to understand and practice the highest degree of safety. It is also important to remind other drivers that highway safety is beneficial to all parties traveling on public roadways; and

Whereas, Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month encourages motorcycle operators to don proper protective riding attire, to maintain their motorcycles at a high level of safe operating conditions, to abide by the laws of the road, and to implement operating techniques providing an additional standard of safety. Additionally, car and truck drivers are informed of the fact that motorcyclists are resuming their travels on our public roadways and each is encouraged to be exceptionally vigilant and watchful when approaching or passing a motorcycle on the highway; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of this legislative body declare May 2011 as Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month in the state of Michigan. We encourage all of Michigan's citizens to participate in the aims and goals of this effort.